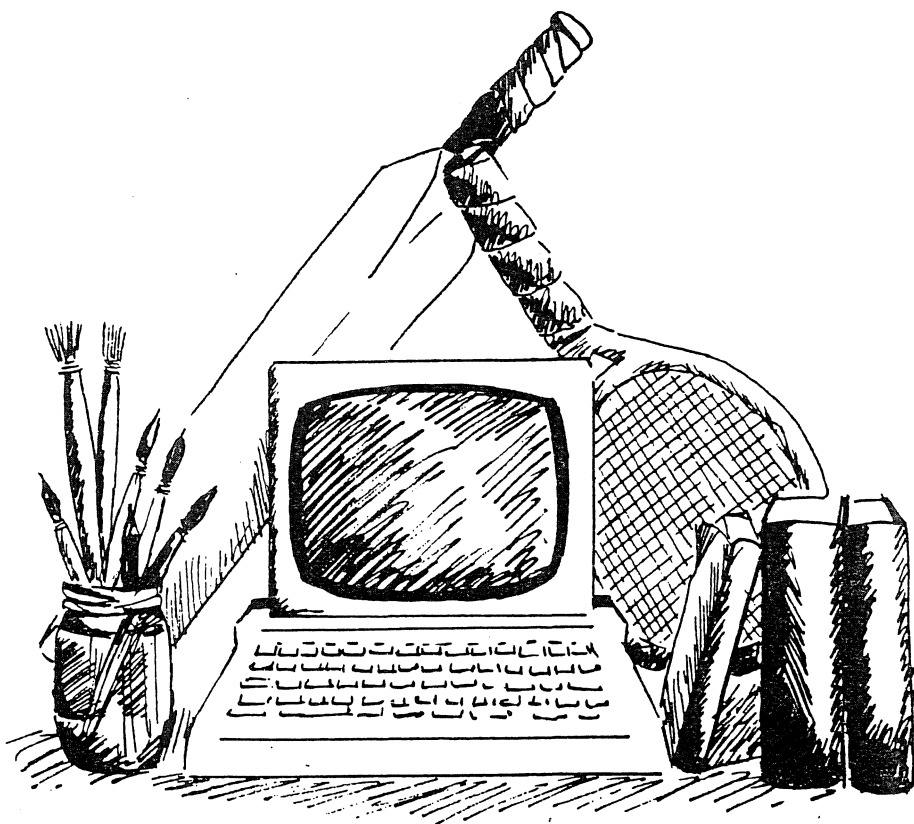


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AGS REVISITED

The grey sunlight filtered through the dismal paint-spotted windows lightening the faces of the occupants with a pale anaemic sheen. Their grim faces with long drawn expressions pondered over the gross enormity ahead. A spider silently spun his deathly web unaware of the tormented souls, ruminating with desperate intensity below. The meagre heat from the radiator did little to warm them.

Outside, beyond the windows lay the silent graveyard which would beckon them if their task was not completed before the day was out. The imminent deadline loomed ever closer and, as it approached, so their chances of success dwindled. They stared despairingly at the crumpled blank piece of paper before them. Finally one of them spoke.

*"What are we gonna put for this **!*!*!! editorial then?"*

The Editors

RAG WEEK '86

Rag Week, the sixth form's annual fund raising week in aid of charity was again a great success. The week started at Monday morning assembly when the school's lectern was carted away for much needed surgery (so the whitecoats said!). The events followed thick and fast. The watersplash, with poolmaster Andrew Barney (U6) who got nearly every sixth former soaked during the week, held the younger pupils spellbound at every break and lunch-time. Only three targets ran away in the entire week.

On Tuesday the Great Bradley Scavenger Hunt occupied the first and second year pupils, organised into teams. They had to collect a number of items from a list read out to them, and bring these objects back to the judges. Among the things to be collected was an item of smelly clothing from the boy's changing room: (some annoyance was caused to the sportsmen getting changed as 100 juveniles sprinted in and took the majority of their clothes from them) and Mr. Layton who appeared a few minutes later very hot and flustered, winning a cake for one of the teams. Meanwhile a large wire structure was taking shape in the school yard.

Jockey Carter's Y front challenge was the next scheduled event; it involved many usually studious people leaping in and out of their father's old Y fronts, all for charity. The large wire object was now being coated in a thick layer of papier mache and a cart was being created in the best neanderthal style.

R. Paget's Russian Omelette came next. At high noon on Thursday two brave students faced each other across a table. At a shouted command each pair chose an egg from a selection of six. They did not know which one of the six was unboiled. The eggs were then smashed on their foreheads, the cleanest person being the winner.

On Friday came the traditional Upper Sixth versus Lower Sixth, fancy dress, three legged football match. By general agreement the costumes were the best ever, and goals were actually scored, but not unfortunately by the Lower Sixth who were soundly thrashed. Meanwhile popcorn was being sold throughout the week and the Great Pop Quiz was in constant session.

The Rag Ball (sixth form only) was likewise a success - everyone came in v.v. smart dress and the class of guest was much higher than one might see at the usual sixth form party.

On Sunday the large object of wire and papier mache was at last unveiled. It was 19 feet high and 6 feet wide. This enormous 'stone' or monstrous sarsen - modelled on more famous examples at Stonehenge - was dragged all the way to Stratford by 30 skin-clad neanderthals, pulling in two massive ropes. The tail-back of traffic was enormous. Each motorist was invited to make a donation; the reluctant were persuaded by club wielding trogolodytes. Having earned hundreds of pounds for charity, the boulder was destroyed on arriving in Stratford. Its purpose had been served.

As well as all these activities, the 'Cabbage' organisation produced a Ragmag which sold 600 copies at 10p throughout the week, being well supported with advertising revenue from Alcester and Studley shopkeepers.

The grand total of funds raised was close to £1000 which was distributed to Birmingham Childrens' Hospital, Help the Aged, Stratford Adult Training Centre, Oversley Hospital, and the charities for Multiple Sclerosis and Cystic Fibrosis. All this was the responsibility of the Rag Committee (Chairman: Andrew Butler) supported by the rest of the Sixth Form.

T. Holmes, L6

MAN THE DESTROYER

Concrete block stare glassy eyed,
On an empty world where nature has died.
Skyscrapers reach up to the sky,
Where once the hawk would hover and cry,
Awaiting to fall upon his prey,
But now there is only rot and decay.
Cars speed along an empty motorway,
Where once in the grass a rabbit warren lay.
Next to it stood a deep shadey wood,
But now there are only stumps and black squagy mud.
A new building site has taken over,
Where once birds and animals played in the clover.
A ditch stands forlorn and bare,
Where once the hedgehog had his lair.
The scavenging crow is happy amongst tips,
But why should it just be him who benefits.
The animals are moving, their homes are gone
Look! Look! What man has done.

Samantha Lawley

1985-86: THE HEADMASTER REFLECTS

Some days stand out in our lives as red-letter days, and often a year, in retrospect, seems to have been one of very particular importance or significance. From the school's point of view I think that 1985-86 will prove to be one of those years.

First it brought the fulfilment of years of striving for improved working conditions for the sixth form and staff. After years of overcrowding and inconvenience it brought great pleasure to see the opening of the enlarged library and sixth-form study, as well as the more attractive entrance halls, the improved staff accommodation and school office. The benefits to all these were quickly recognised, and the continuing growth in sixth form numbers reflects the success we have had in offering the kind of courses and facilities that are wanted by the sixth-form age-group.

The appeal for funds to build up the library stock has had an excellent response and the £4000 received is being supplemented by further gifts all the time. It is all most gratifying.

Three years ago the sixth form inaugurated the annual charity Rag Week and this year the sum raised reached the remarkable figure of £1000. Each year the main fund-raising event surpasses the previous one in inventiveness, and the Asterix-type Boulder-pull to Stratford this year set new standards in imagination and humour. I congratulate the sixth on a magnificent achievement.

The newly elected Governing Body faced the decision of the County Council to re-examine secondary education in the area, and two proposals for the future have been passed for further consideration. One of these would preserve the status quo; the other would turn the school into the Sixth Form of a comprehensive school in the town. The Governors have reacted strongly against schemes which are not educationally acceptable, but we have to wait until 1987 for the final decisions on the school's future.

Mercifully the school was not badly affected by teachers' withdrawal from voluntary activities in school, and the magazine records the usual range of field courses, foreign exchanges, concerts and sporting activities. I am grateful to the staff for their willingness to keep all these things going during a difficult year.

Towards the end of the year the staff were involved in preparing for the changes in teaching styles and assessment methods required by the GCSE. This is going to be a stimulating experience and a lot will be gained by pupils and staff from these new ideas.

The Personal and Social Development programme is becoming well established and I see this as one of the most notable introductions in recent years, as also is the Work Experience week undertaken by the fourth years.

The end of the year was crowned with the best 'O' level results ever achieved by the fifth forms and the second-best 'A' levels in the school's history. The industry and determination shown by all during the year clearly had its rewards. Any risk of "resting on laurels" will be strongly resisted and with all the innovations and challenges which lie ahead of us we shall have a very busy time indeed. The cheerfulness and purposefulness which are the hallmarks of the school will ensure that our objectives, in giving every pupil every opportunity to develop every talent, skill and ability to the full will be realised.

That is my hope for the future.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CALENDAR 1985-86

AUTUMN TERM

The year began with a varied and stimulating three-day course organised jointly by the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the University of Warwick.

With only three weeks of 'A' level experience behind them a large proportion of the Lower 6th English group embarked on an intensive course of lectures, seminars and theatre visits which proved a valuable introduction to academic life and work.

Early in October a group of sixth formers saw an interesting performance of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' at the small, 60-seater Studio of the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry. Later in the month the Theatre Arts group attended a fascinating language workshop at the RST's 'Other Place', part of the annual 'Fortnight' of lectures, workshops and short plays.

In November we had a workshop on 'Macbeth' given by the 'Educational Theatre Projects', which is an exciting new company. This was primarily for the fourth and fifth forms as it is a set play for the examination, but it was enjoyed by the Upper and Lower 6th from our school and also pupils from Alcester High School.

SPRING TERM

Early in the term came a visit from a member of the 'World of Shakespeare' centre in Stratford (see the separate article), and members of the middle and upper school visited the RSC's studio theatre (recently converted from a warehouse) and enjoyed a lively production of 'The Taming of the Shrew'.

In March the school received a visit from members of the Warwick University Drama Society who performed scenes from 'Harry' an adaptation of three of Shakespeare's history plays, 'Henry IV', parts I and II and 'Henry V'. The visit created sufficient interest to prompt a group visit to see the full production at the University's Arts Centre a few days later.

For the first time in several years a number of pupils auditioned for the National Youth Theatre's summer school which is held in London each August. However, competition was intense with over 4,000 applicants for only 150 places and on this occasion none was successful.

DKB and LCG

THE BREAK APPEAL

Form 1s this year ran a super scheme to raise money for the charity known as 'Break', which helps to provide holidays and emergency care for handicapped children, and adults with special needs. The form managed to collect no fewer than 1,585 Kit-Kat wrappers, for each of which the manufacturers of Kit-Kat, Rowntree-Mackintosh will donate 3p to the 'Break' appeal. Not content with this, 1s also collected foreign coins to the value of £200, and presented these to the same charity.

JML

A VISIT FROM THE EARL OF LEICESTER

On the 30th January, the Earl of Leicester, Robert Dudley, visited AGS in period costume and gave the second years an introduction into Elizabethan and Shakespearian England.

The Earl, who now works at 'The World of Shakespeare' in Stratford, claimed to have been on the verge of marriage to Elizabeth I but he rashly murdered his wife and so Elizabeth felt unable to marry him. She did, however, offer the Earl to Mary, Queen of Scots, but she turned him down.

The Earl went into gory detail about the punishment of being hanged, drawn and quartered. He also threatened talkative members of the year with other methods of torture. Despite the blacker sides of Elizabethan life, the Earl referred to Elizabeth as the Golden Queen because of the discoveries and innovation in her reign. Her father, Henry VIII, beheaded Elizabeth's mother, Anne Boleyn, and Elizabeth was cared for by Catherine Parr, Henry's last wife.

The Earl described the ships, which although they went round the world, were, according to him, the most disgusting places on earth. This was because there were no facilities for the crew to relieve themselves so that all discarded rubbish went into the ballast at the bottom of the ship. The galley, which was just above the ballast, reeked of foul odours. Thus, this combined with rats and diseases, killed fifty per cent of people who were at sea for over a year.

The streets that Shakespeare trod were nearly as uncouth as the ships. People threw their rubbish onto the street and drank polluted water. The plague was uncontrolled and whole villages were wiped out. Finally they used no toothpaste and took no baths; Elizabeth herself had one bath in her entire life and painted her teeth white to hide the decay and blackness.

Shakespeare's mother was Mary Arden and his father held high office in Stratford, including the post of Mayor. Shakespeare went to Stratford Grammar School before marrying Ann Hathaway and running away to London, where he joined a group of travelling actors. The Earl said that Shakespeare was inspired to write great plays because he knew the leader of the group was good enough to interpret them.

After a question and answer session the Earl sang a Shakespearian song and literally went back to the 'World of Shakespeare'.

Ian McLean
Walter Drummond-Murray

OUT AND ABOUT ET CETERA

A great number of visits, trips, expeditions and excursions went on during the year as well as a lot of school-based events. Your editors have done their best to record all these activities, but have been hampered by the desire for secrecy on the part of those concerned. This survey is not exhaustive for that very reason. Furthermore, a number of events have been reported in full elsewhere in 'The Record'.

AUTUMN TERM

Mr. Dobell organised a concert which included a performance of Vivaldi's 'Gloria' and the First Form went to hear the LSO at Birmingham Town Hall. Miss Morris took her General Studies Group to Hanbury Hall to study the architecture and furniture, and Mr. Shearn took various groups on walks in the Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons. The weather (he reports) varied from snow to sunshine. Mrs. Preston-Mafham and Mrs. White took our Junior Schools Challenge Quiz Team to King's School, Worcester for the first match of the competition. The opposition won, but AGS got into the 'plate' competition for first round losers. At the end of the term came the Junior Party, the Carol Concert in St. Nicholas Church under Mr. Dobell's direction, and the Sixth Form put on a splendid pantomime to entertain us all on the last day of the term. Other 'every year' activities included the visit of the whole of the Fourth Form to Marle Hall for four days of outdoor pursuits in November.

During the Christmas holiday Mr. Mickethwaite took a party ski-ing, another traditional jaunt.

SPRING TERM

Mock exams distracted the Fifth and Sixth Forms from the customary round of enjoyment, but these over, the Upper Sixth threw themselves into Rag Week '86 (a full description appears elsewhere).

Meanwhile Mr. Dobell organised a very successful music competition and the prize winners gave a concert at Church Street Middle School in Redditch. A party visited the Hockey International at Wembley, led by Miss Belton, Mr. Shearn made further visits to the same mountains as in the Autumn Term and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes took a party of 10 students to stay at the Pen-Y-Pass Youth Hostel in Snowdonia. Among their adventures was the stretcher rescue of an Irish Wolfhound from one of the peaks of the Snowdon range.

Mrs. White continued to conduct our efforts in the quiz mentioned above. This time a team from The Royal Grammar School in Worcester came to us and were soundly beaten - by 680 points to 230! The final round is still to be played. Our team : Paul Kiely, Robert Morley, Carl Davis and Stephen Barry.

At the end of the term Mrs. Albon and Mr. Simpson took a party on the Geology field course. They went to north-west Yorkshire, staying at Malham Youth Hostel. They had 2 feet (about 600mm) of snow on the first day, but managed to study the carboniferous series just the same.

The Spring Term also saw the production of "The King's Great Matter" - fully reported elsewhere - and a visit to the University of Aston by members of the Lower Sixth with Mr. Shearn in order to have an introduction to university work.

SUMMER TERM

Miss Morris took another party to study a country house - this time it was Baddesley Clinton. They were treated to a guided tour from the Administrator himself.

Mrs. Albion, Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Lowe organised two expeditions in connection with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award work. The first involved a walk around Alcester followed by a camp at Hoo Mill. This was a practice for the assessment expedition which involved a 15 mile walk around and over the Malverns, followed by camping on the Three Counties Showground.

Parties of students, accompanied by Miss Belton, went to the tennis tournaments at Edgbaston and Wimbledon. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes took another group for a mountain weekend to Snowdonia, and members of the Lower Sixth went to Lanchester Polytechnic to attend a conference on 'Careers with Chemistry'.

Musical activities continued with a visit of the Junior Choir to various primary schools to perform 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat' - they gave a repeat performance after the Presentation Assembly at the end of the term.

On Thursday 3rd July came 'Outings Day' when almost the whole school went off on various trips. The First Form went to Warwick Castle on a visit organised by Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Davis, The Second Forms went to the Royal Show; their trip was organised by Mrs. Kirke and Mr. Micklethwaite. Meanwhile 3M were on a visit to the West Midlands Safa'i Park and the Severn Valley Railway. Miss Rowberry organised this one. Mr. Cowell arranged an amazing visit of 3S to the Maritime Museum at Greenwich which involved train to London, Underground, river 'bus, coach, and train back! Thomas Cook started in business in a very small way we are told.

On July 10th and 11th the school was closed while all the staff went on a sort of outing - the GCSE training day. Finally, in the last week of term came the traditional summer concert, ably organised by Mr. Dobell.

THE KING'S GREAT MATTER

In the Autumn Term an option was introduced for sixth formers to take an O/A level course in Theatre Arts. One part of the course involved the production of a play. Mr. Green found three varied plays: Shakespeare's 'King Henry VIII'; 'Red Queen, White Queen' by T.B. Morris and 'Four Queens Wait for Henry' by L. du Garde Reach. As the group was relatively small, extra people were required to make up the cast; I was one of them. Rehearsals were soon under way. People were measured up and costumes were found; Mrs. Green and Mrs. Davis organised this. The reaction to having to wear the costumes varied but we all had a good laugh at each other while trying them on. Extraordinary head dresses and hats were exchanged, and dresses altered until everybody was satisfied.

Miss Bywater organised a 'make-up' group which plastered us in layers of foundation and gave 'the lucky few' lines and beards, which were very effective under the lights. Mrs. Green also helped with the backstage crew and found our props.

As the opening night drew near, the pressure increased. On the last two Sundays before the performance, extended rehearsals took place; the panic had begun! The second Sunday rehearsal of 'Four Queens' fell apart with everybody forgetting lines, which kept Vicky McCarthy, our prompter very busy, and I walked on stage from the wrong side which really stumped everybody. No doubt poor Mr. Green had a few sleepless nights worrying about the performances.

Thursday came and everyone was remarkably cheerful, considering that most of us were terrified. Mr. Green said some encouraging words to us. It was too late; there was no turning back.

The first play, in which Philip Teasdale took the part of Henry and Gerard Mayhew and Tom Rugg the parts of the Duke of Norfolk and Cardinal Wolsey respectively, went well with no real hiccups. The dancers were choreographed by Louise Ross and the trumpet fanfares played by Daniel Gauntlett with Peter Laband, Kate Smith and Zoe Ford 'doubling' in a variety of roles. The second play ran through well until the very end when the lights were turned down while Karon Woodward and I were still speaking. The confusion arose because the cue for turning the lights off was Karon bowing her head. Karon did not realise this and as she was saying goodbye to me (her daughter, Princess Mary), she bowed her head and suddenly we were all acting in the dark! The third play went well. We all miraculously remembered our lines, and the audience seemed to enjoy the fast comedy lines being fired between the four queens while waiting for Henry, their supposed 'husband', only to find that Henry was classified as a bachelor in heaven. Pennie Turnbull played a very effervescent Anne Boleyn and Shirley Clayton a very cool-headed Jane Seymour.

The largest laugh was obtained when the plays had ended and a relieved voice from behind stage was heard to say 'Thank God!' By Friday everybody's nerves were slightly better (they couldn't get any worse) and the lighting people decided to turn the lights off early on in the play this time - just for a change. They do say that variety is the spice of life!

Thanks to everybody involved for making the performance possible and to Mrs. Snoswell for selling programmes. I hope that I haven't forgotten anyone. It really was good fun to take part in.

Lili Clarke, 16

MUSHROOMS

I can smell mushrooms down this street,
I can smell mushrooms in the air
Mushrooms means there's been too much heat,
Mushrooms means there's nobody there
The mushroom smell is a smell of dread,
It's the smell of human decay,
Mushrooms means your friends are all dead.
The mushrooms have had their way.

Andrew Marshall

THE HAZARDS OF HUNTING

Anyone going hunting may be faced with several natural hazards, which are more or less inanimate, and you should be in a position to do something about them slightly before your horse is.

HEDGES

These are very prickly and should be avoided unless, of course, you have a polite horse who lets you go first, in which case it is often unavoidable. Some 'hedges' are made of thick, heavy stone. Contact with one of these gives a short, sharp science lesson in what happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object.

GATES

These are made to be opened NOT jumped. If you should be foolish enough to try to jump one of these, you may find yourself rebounding very quickly after hitting several strands of invisibly thin wire strung above the gate.

DITCHES

These are deep, wide trenches dug to drain water off the fields. When hidden by a low hedge they may often be full of horses' and their riders.

BOXING DAY

This is one of the principal Hunt Meets of the year, and how much of a hazard it is depends on how well you sipped and supped on Christmas Day.

There is of course one way of avoiding all these hazards. That is to stop hunting altogether and stop killing poor innocent foxes.

Jane Willis, 24

BARNARDO'S 1985-86

By the time this school magazine is being read I shall have handed over the running of the Barnardo group to Mrs. Davis who will be carrying on a tradition that started in 1932 when Alcester Members were first enrolled.

I was ill in December 1985 and unable to arrange the Form 1 Christmas Tree Collection, but the Non-Uniform Day went ahead as usual and raised over £75. During Christmas Andrew Butler organised a group of Sixth Formers to go Carol Singing and collected £47, whilst Robin Holland, Philip Teasdale and Andy Williams raised £6 from their musical skills. Add to this £30 from the school Christmas dinner and the record amount from this year's box opening of £302 and the grand total for 1985-86 adds up to £465 - a most pleasing end to my years as Barnardo Secretary. I am so very grateful to all the hundreds of parents, pupils and their friends who have so generously, supported our group despite all the other calls on their money and I hope the group will continue to support this children's charity.

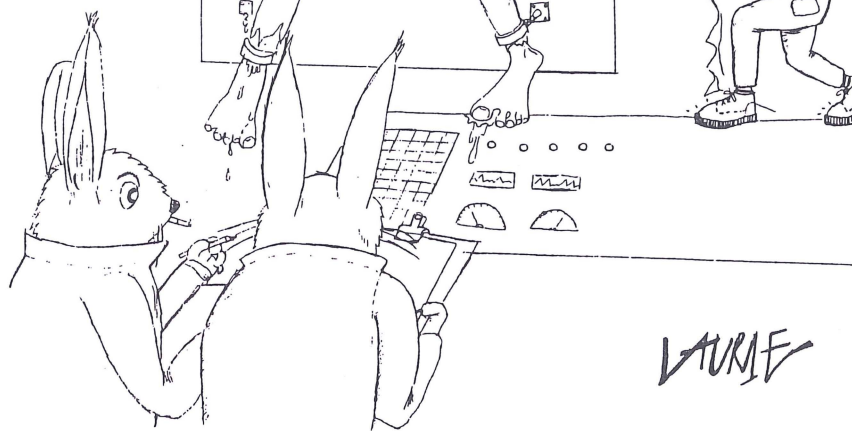
K.G.M.

WELCOME TO ~~PORTONE~~ DOWN WATERSHIRE RESEARCH CENTRE

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Nice
Day!

Our
Stretching
Cosmetics
Dept.
Nuclear
Thingy
Nicotine
Testing
The "GAMMY"
Room

Exit
Dissection,
Decapitation +
Picnic site
Chemical
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IMPRESSIONS OF MY FIRST FRENCH EXCHANGE

The ferry crossing was one of the most enjoyable parts of the trip. We all had to be back in our seats by 11 p.m., so every trick in the book was being used to go back up on deck. 'If we are seasick, can we go outside' I asked Mrs. Albion. 'Ah, but you won't be sick will you Clare!' and she thrust two seasickness pills into my hand.

We arrived at St. Malo and I was amazed to see how English it was. Where were all the little men with moustaches and onions, riding about on bikes? The arrival at the college was quite an ordeal. It was nice to see our pen friends again but every pair of eyes in the school was fixed on us! School lunch was even worse. We were given very red meat and some sort of vegetable. Someone said it was horse meat. You couldn't see us for dust. It got better however; that evening we had chicken and chips.

The visit to the chateaux was great. All the twisting towers look brilliant in my photos. By the end of the day I declared that I would be sick if I saw another spiral staircase.

Thursday was a trip to the seaside at La Baule. It was a freezing cold day so we all went swimming. Mr. Wells said we were all mad but then he came in as well.

Half-day school on Saturday wasn't bad. The lessons were an hour long and the teacher we had ignored us the whole time.

The language wasn't too hard to understand but it took time before you could think how to answer. Sign language was very useful; if they did not understand you could always act it out. The most ridiculous thing about France was Starsky and Hutch in French!

The only thing I did not like about France were the spiral staircases and the endless vineyards. I was sad to leave but glad to get home and see a McDonalds.

Clare Pugh, 2m

THE LIBRARY APPEAL

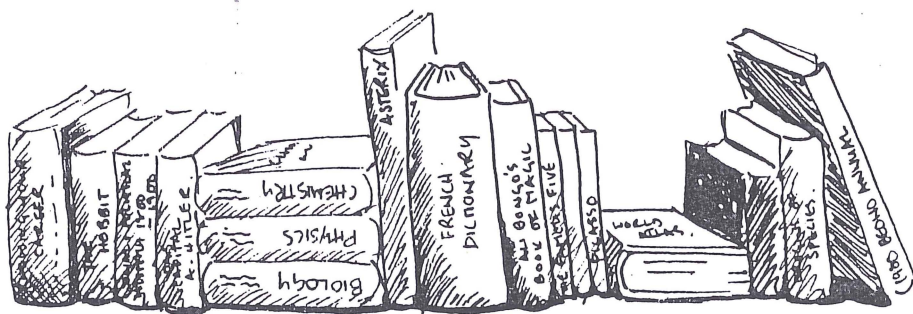
The new extensions which came into use during the academic year 1985-86 included a substantial increase to the library area. Unfortunately the Local Education Authority was unable to provide any increase in the school's library allocation for stocking the new, empty shelves. Accordingly the Headmaster and Governors decided to launch an appeal to Old Scholars, their parents and other friends of the school, for donations which would be devoted to buying books for the school library. The Library Appeal was officially launched on 20 September 1985, and by April 1986, more than £3500 had been raised by donation and deposited in a special fund to provide new books for the school library.

The Library Appeal was launched by David Rudkin, the well-known dramatist, and his address was so thought-provoking that the Editors considered that it should be printed in full in 'The Record'.

When I presented the prizes here a couple of speech-days back, your Headmaster in his report spoke of the School's need, and hope for a sixth form study extension. Such is the economic climate of the time I remember thinking to myself: You'll be lucky. It's always good to have one's pessimism proved wrong.

I say economic climate. But are the present constraints in education simply a matter of money? Whole areas in our national defence against sickness might close down; yet we have an unprecedented prison building programme. You can tell what a household's priorities are, by how it spends the money it has. At this stage in our history, education is not a national priority. When inner city schools can no longer maintain their buildings - let alone build new ones - we should look not to shortage of money, so much as what is behind that shortage of money. And what I see, to put it quite brutally, is a current destructive attitude to education itself. There is a fashionable contemporary notion: education should really be training - training of the young, to suit them to the needs of Management. It sounds realistic. But there was a fashionable argument in the last century too: why teach all children to count and read? What practical use are counting and reading, up a chimney or down a mine? We find that notion shocking. Yet our current notion is only that Victorian notion in modern dress. The bottom line is the same.

It is important that we think about education, and about what we think education ought to be, because at the root of any theory of education we might have, will be our notion of what people are. If we look at that contemporary notion, and its contemporary twin, we will see that while both are logical, it is a logic that reckons the value of the human person very low. In practice, it condemns whole sectors of the community to virtually no education at all. With those whom it would select to educate or train, it dooms whole areas of the human personality to darkness. I am currently researching, for a film project, the years of Stalin's Great Terror. There is a quite apocalyptic example of what can befall a nation, once people cease to have individual human value in their own right. I am seriously wondering whether we, with our own very different ideologies, might not be drifting toward a similar result: a society founded on a mechanistic concept of Man, that sees him only as of functionary usefulness.



Traditionally on school occasions, the guest speaker drones on about how hard a time he or she had when young, and how the children of today have it all handed to them on a plate. I am conscious that now it is the other way round. I think back to the whole structure of opportunity my generation had. I look at now and see much of that structure of opportunity being quite wantonly destroyed. It is almost a gleeful vandalism, as though we as a nation have suddenly begun to hate ourselves, and have set about tearing our culture apart. I think this could well prove a period in our history that we might come to look back on with shame. I began my career as a teacher, and as a dramatist I am something of a teacher still. So I will lay it on the line, and say what I believe an education is. I believe it is a means of enabling us all to see, and hear, and understand, to the utmost of our senses and faculties; of enabling us to discover the gifts and qualities we each uniquely have, and to develop them for their own humanly enriching sake. I believe education to be about enlarging the private inward world we each individually live in, and enabling us to experience most fully, and enrich, the outward world that we all share. These are humanistic values, and in the current abrasive intellectual climate they sound soft-centred and quaint. It was part of the ideological cant of Stalin's era too, that the notion of humane value was a superstition, fit only to be shed in the great march forward of something called Progress. In the words of a contemporary Fleet Street proprietor, humane value is a 'sunset value'. Well I believe that the last sunset will be on that proprietor and all his lackeys, and all their kind, and all their clap-trap too. But only if we insist on fighting for our own individual right to learn, and to inquire, and to know.

So if I say that I am happy to declare this extension open, you have now at least some reason why. You have won more than a building; I think you have won some sort of triumph against the temper of the time and I thank you for inviting me to speak at the official opening.

THE GERMAN EXCHANGE 1986

It was dark; cold; midnight. The drone of the engine stopped: my heart skipped a beat. What now?

No, sorry folks that was not the start to your AGS magazine thriller story, it was the German Exchange. That was how we felt on arriving two hours late at the Carl-Duisberg Gymnasium, Wuppertal. Our moment of fear was entirely unjustified however, as the Germans we met were extremely hospitable and friendly. The huge modern school made ours look like one of her Majesty's prisons. It had spacious carpeted halls divided by rows of stairs, bright orange blinds outside the windows, and a high-tech bell and loudspeaker that made us feel like something just out of the trees.

Highlights of our stay were visits to Schlossburg ('Castle-Castle' - they wanted to make it simple enough for English tourists), Bonn, Cologne, Altenburg Cathedral - where Mr. Dobell tested the expertise of German organ makers - and Wuppertal Zoo, where the monkeys inside the cages were delighted to see some of their distant relations amongst us as we communicated with them, waving arms and legs in all directions. There was also the fairy-tale wood. Here the Golden Donkey gave us a golden piece from his mouth, or from his other end for those that way inclined. At Wuppertal swimming pool we zoomed in terror down the long twisted, closed-in, slide.

We also twice invaded McDonalds, and some of us lucky people got to see Düsseldorf (that's where all the night-life is). Oh and then there were the tall, fair, blue-eyed, broad-shouldered German boys. No this isn't an ad but you've got to give it to them.

We would like to show our thanks and appreciation to Keith, our coach driver and to Mrs. Meadowcroft and Mr. Dobell for organising it all and putting up with us.

Lara Fenton, L6

WINTER WEATHER

On Monday the frost browned the leaves
and the spiders' webs were strings of diamonds
hung beneath bare branched trees.

On Tuesday the North wind blew,
and telephone cables sang
and drying washing danced for a moment or two.

On Wednesday the sky grew grey
and the clouds ran races
as they hurried on their busy way.

On Thursday the snow fell, cold and white,
and silent feathers wrapped the world
in a blanket for the night.

On Friday the snow-plough cleared the road,
snowmen invaded gardens
and the robin relied on kindness for food.

On Saturday the snow turned to slush,
the icicles dripped and were gone,
the flooded river began to rush.

On Sunday the sun came out to shine,
to dry up the puddles
and to welcome the snowdrop; the first Spring sign.

Katherine Steele

A VISIT TO THE TATE GALLERY

A group of dishevelled fifth and sixth formers gathered on the platform at Evesham Station. The date - 22nd November 1985, our destination the Tate Gallery, London. First - we had to catch the train... amazingly enough it was only a few minutes late. The journey was uneventful; Jimmy Savile did not grace us with his presence.

Having arrived at the Gallery, after a short walk from the tube station, we were given some time to ourselves before meeting for the scheduled lecture. Only three people (mentioning no names!) managed to get lost and miss the talk on Turner, Matisse and furniture 'art' pieces.

The whole afternoon was spent wandering around the many separate galleries; most of us gazing with awe at master-pieces by Turner, Constable, Hogarth, Stubbs the list goes on! We were however, much inclined to have doubts about the modern art paintings and their creators. We were hardly in the position to criticise painters such as Picasso and Dali but many of us did not find the work appealing.

The exhibition being held was that of Kurt Schwitters who specialized in a form of art called 'Dada-surrealism and fantastical art'. Schwitters founded in Hanover, a personal variant of Dada known as Merz, based on the use of rubbish materials to create works of beauty by collage or assemblage. The mass of works were quite interesting but became tedious - this could be because the different materials were positioned in very small collages.

Luckily for the weak-hearted of the group the Gallery boasts, apart from a few paintings, a coffee-shop in the basement. This proved to be almost as popular as the paintings themselves!

We spent approximately five hours in the Gallery until we made our way to Paddington - because it was the rush hour the group got split into three parties. Luckily, and eventually, we all managed to meet up and catch our train back to Evesham. This journey turned out to be extremely cramped and crowded i.e. 2cm square for about five people standing in the corridors. Our hopes (and good words) for British Rail were dashed.

We arrived home more dishevelled than when we started out but would like to thank Mr. Sparkes and Mrs. Green for taking (and putting up with) us on an educational - but enjoyable - outing. We would like to wish Mr. Sparkes good luck in his new job and thank him for teaching us.

Rosie Green

THE TEAR FUND

Form 1M wanted to do something for charity so we decided to have a "penny collection". Each week every member of 1M brought along about 5p (a penny for each school day). This was continued for each term. We collected £34.50 in all and it has all been sent off to a charity selected by the class. The charity was the "Tear Fund" - The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund.

*Laura Pugh
Georgina Haywood*

THE GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

It was late on Monday night (12th May 1986) when 34 of us arrived at Kings Youth Hostel near Dolgellau in Wales. The evening's activities consisted of a welcome meal, the unloading of the minibuses and a discussion of the next day's events, before finally going to bed.

On awaking the next morning, everyone became aware of the beautiful surroundings. Next to the hostel, which was several miles away from the nearest habitation, ran a gurgling river and surrounding the hostel were hills and mountains.

After a hearty breakfast a washing-up rota was formed and the first group did its stint. At about 9.00 a.m., having collected a packed lunch, spare clothes, waterproofs and other equipment, everybody piled into the minibuses, looking forward to the first day in the mountains. Mr. Shearn had decided to walk along the River Nant Cader, up to the lake at the top called Llyn Cau. After about a mile of climbing we stopped at a bend in the river. Mr. Shearn had explained the night before that this was the point where terminal moraine, caused by glacial erosion, was a prominent feature. He had also told us that we would look at the till-fabric orientation at this point.

After this intermission we continued on our way to Llyn Cau, passing one large Roche Moutonee. On arrival at Llyn Cau we ate our lunch, while trying to prevent a very friendly sheep from eating it for us. After lunch we did another till-fabric analysis and then started on our way down. Whilst on the way down one of our group tried his hand at sky diving, but all he succeeded in doing was banging his head and getting a comfortable bed for the night, in the local hospital.

We arrived back at the hostel after a guided tour around the area, and had our evening meal. We were then split into groups for the next day's activities. I found that I was to go to the town of Machynlleth while some went to Dolgellau and others to the seaside. What a day it turned out to be. After all of five minutes in Machynlleth the rain started to come down, and out came the waterproofs. There were eight of us in Machynlleth and we worked in pairs to map out the land use of a certain part of the town, conduct a questionnaire survey and undertake a transport survey. By the time we had finished this and visited numerous cafes, it was time to meet Miss Belton and head back to the hostel. On arrival we discovered that Mr. Shearn had come into his own while doing the river study, having fallen in and got totally soaked.

The next morning at 5.00 a.m. Mr. Shearn decided to try his luck up one of the ridges of Cader Idris, taking with him a group of pupils who did not mind getting up at such an unearthly hour to go for a long hard walk before breakfast. After breakfast, we went to do a study of some sand dunes by the sea, under the supervision of Mrs. Johnson. This involved taking clinometer readings and distance measurements so that we could draw a cross-section of the dunes. Quadrats were used to make a vegetation survey and pH readings and soil samples were taken at points along the survey line.

At about midday we returned to the youth hostel to start our river study, which was to be carried out at four different sites along the river and included finding velocities, depths, widths and particle sizes. I soon realised how Mr. Shearn had felt the night before, when after about a quarter of an hour, egged on by my colleagues, I disappeared into the river and emerged soaked to the skin. I was ordered back to the hostel to get changed. Worse was to come. At the third site I again disappeared under the water, not just once, but twice. As we were now some distance from the hostel I had to stick it out and carry out the study at site four while still wet. After packing up our things at the hostel we started on the journey home. It was Thursday evening, 15th May.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Shearn (despite his incessant snoring) and to Mrs. Johnson and Miss Belton for putting up with us whilst at the same time giving all concerned a memorable three days in Wales.

Robert Lewis, L6

A FOUNDATION SCHOLAR

Friday 7th March 1986 saw the first Alcester Grammar School Music Competition. The brainchild of Mr. Dobell, it turned out to be an enormous success, with countless entries from the 1st year through to the Upper 6th. The preliminary rounds were held on Friday afternoon to select competitors for the finals, which were held before a live (and mainly wakeful) audience in the evening. Fortunately there were no casualties, and the high level of performance was enjoyed by all.

Our thanks and congratulations must go to Mr. Dobell for organising the competition, to Miss Kate Scott - a prominent local musician who had the unenviable task of acting as judge - and of course, to all those foolish enough to take part.

The winners were as follows:-

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|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Advanced woodwind | : Kate Howell (flute) |
| Advanced strings | : Adam Mansell |
| Advanced brass | : Daniel Gauntlett (trumpet) |
| Advanced piano | : Kate Howell |
| Intermediate woodwind | : Winnie Parker |
| Intermediate piano | : Debbie Clark |
| Intermediate strings | : Louise Dyke |
| Group | : Leah MacDonald, Eleanor Pinfield, Samantha Lawley (clarinet trio) |
| Miscellaneous | : Philip Reah (accordion) |

Lara Fenton

THE CANOE CLUB'S TRIP TO PEMBROKESHIRE

After a cramped journey we arrived at Porth Clais where we camped. After pitching our tents we went canoe surfing at White Sands Bay. Luckily the weather was great as most of us capsized (surfing when done properly looks easy; unfortunately it isn't!). On the second day after a good night's sleep we carried our canoes down the steep path to Porth Clais harbour and set out for Solva. En-route we zig-zagged out of bays and caves, paddled through a spectacular tunnel and visited and explored two wrecked ships before finally reaching Solva where we were met by Steve Cowell with the minibus.

The third day was a real ordeal. With the wind freshening but in high spirits we had set out for Ramsey Island. We managed to ferry glide across Ramsey Sound (a quarter of a mile of water moving fast at 6 to 7 knots) to the Bitches, an outcrop of rock originally part of Ramsey. We ate lunch on Ramsey quietly watching canoes drift away, followed by their owners dashing after them, when Mrs. Albon made a bad move. She put her glasses down on a rock and said 'Nobody stand on my glasses please'. A few seconds later there was a crunch. Louise put her hands to her head and exclaimed "Oh no - I don't believe it". Yes, she had stood on the spectacles! This was followed by Tom's "Bag'ze tell her". On the way back Liam went fishing and caught a mackerel for his tea.

On Thursday, after informing the coastguard, we set off for Ramsey from White Sands, an epic journey. Unfortunately Dom became ill so he turned back, accompanied by Mrs. Albon. The rest of us crossed the North West side of Ramsey in a tight group. There were a few scarey moments when, tossed by the waves, we thought we were going backwards. We ate lunch on Ramsey, observed by an inquisitive seal, and then with the wind and tide behind us returned to White Sands.

On Friday we had quite a day. Liam, Rae and Martin went fishing during the morning, while the rest of us went round St. David's. The afternoon was spent surfing and swimming at White Sands. In the evening we piled into the minibus and sang while Tom and Mr. Cowell played guitar.

On Saturday we took our tents down in a light drizzle and made tracks for home. All in all we had a great week in many ways. We all worked as a team and the weather was delightful. All those who took part - Martin Lewis, Bruce Kirby, Louise Jervis, Liam and Dominic Hurley, Rae Perry, Tom Rugg, Sarah Stevens, Lili Clarke and Gina Ravenhall - would like to express their thanks to Mrs. Albon and Mr. Cowell for making it all possible.

*Martin Lewis
(on behalf of AGS
Canoe Club)*

A HEATED EXCHANGE



ANOTHER A.C.S. CANOE CLUB TRIP!

Now I always considered efficiency, technology, and timekeeping to be marks of the Swiss. Yet on the fifth day of this year's ski trip they successfully proved me wrong on all three counts. Technology broke down, efficiency expired and timekeeping was soon mislaid in the resultant European mayhem. Just ten minutes before our French Bread 'Sandwich', the solitary ski-lift out of a steep tree-lined valley seized up. We, along with several seething Swiss and frantic French skiers were daunted by the prospect of a three kilometre walk uphill, through deep powder, in full gear and in the blazing sun (and with only one bar at the summit! After much swearing the guilty lift operators laid on 'transport' for 'tout le monde'.

Amidst the ensuing frantic scramble aboard which followed, I clawed my way on board. We lurched up the one in four gradient slowly but surely - and just about hanging on. Now, although never having felt particularly cold that day, I then began to feel distinctly warm. Hardly surprising; I had developed an in-built heating system. My jacket had caught fire from the overheating engine exhaust as we whined and strained ever upwards. Precipitating the danger was the fact that I was oblivious until my jacket burned right through and my pullover began to flame. Just in time we lurched to a halt, and with some unrepeatable 'Franglais' dialogue (unheard of even by Mr. Wells) I imitated Tarzan's infamous wail and lept off like Superman. As I rolled in the snow, gormless crowds jostled around me, staring unblinkingly, as if witnessing foreigners doing the 'dying fly' was totally normal. 'Que'est-ce que c'est?', 'une cigarette?', 'Le soleil?', 'La combustion humaine?', and the inevitable 'Il doit être Anglais' followed. Amongst the crowd I extinguished the glames and graciously climbed to my feet, brushing off excess snow. The excitement over, everyone instantly departed.

So I had a large ventilation hole in my shoulder for the last day's skiing and have subsequently become richer owing to a successful insurance claim. 'Burned by snowplough' - who else can claim such a bizarre injury?

Nicholas Mole



Penny Turnbull and Philip Teasdale in
"The King's Great Matter"



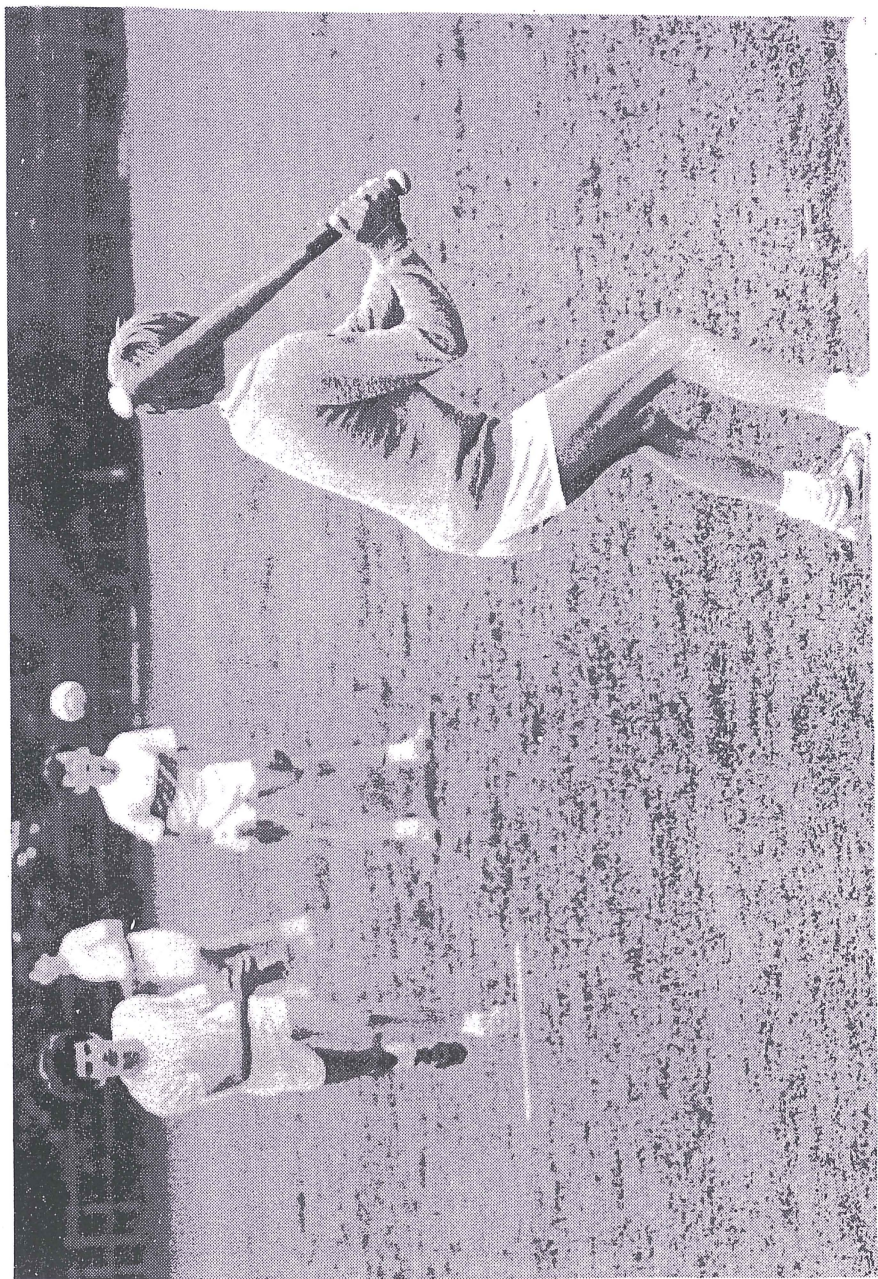
Rag Week – The Three-Legged, Fancy Dress, Football Match



Orchestra Practice



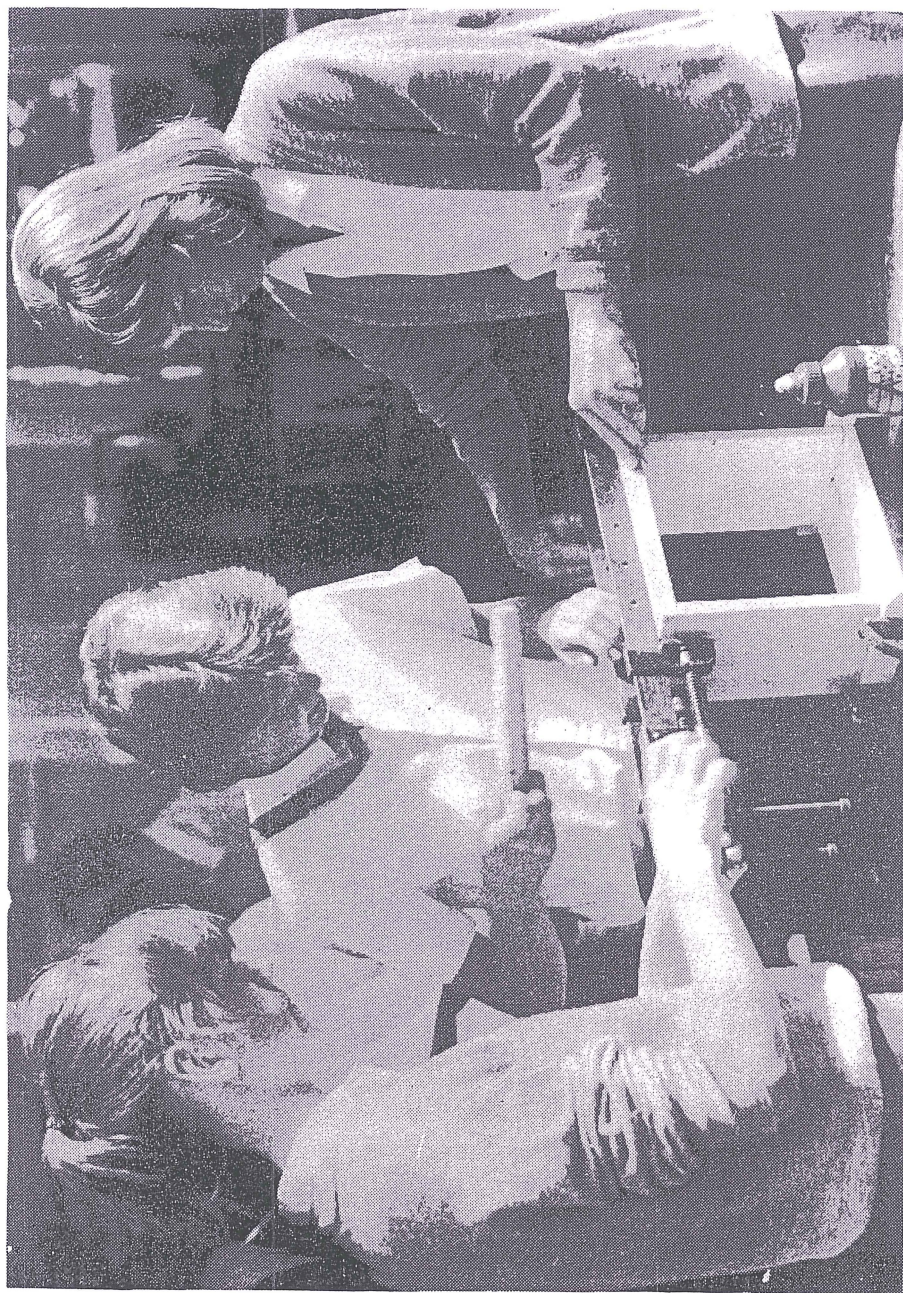
The Rag Week Boulder—Builders



Soft Ball Match



A Scene From the Sixth Form Pantomime, Christmas 1986



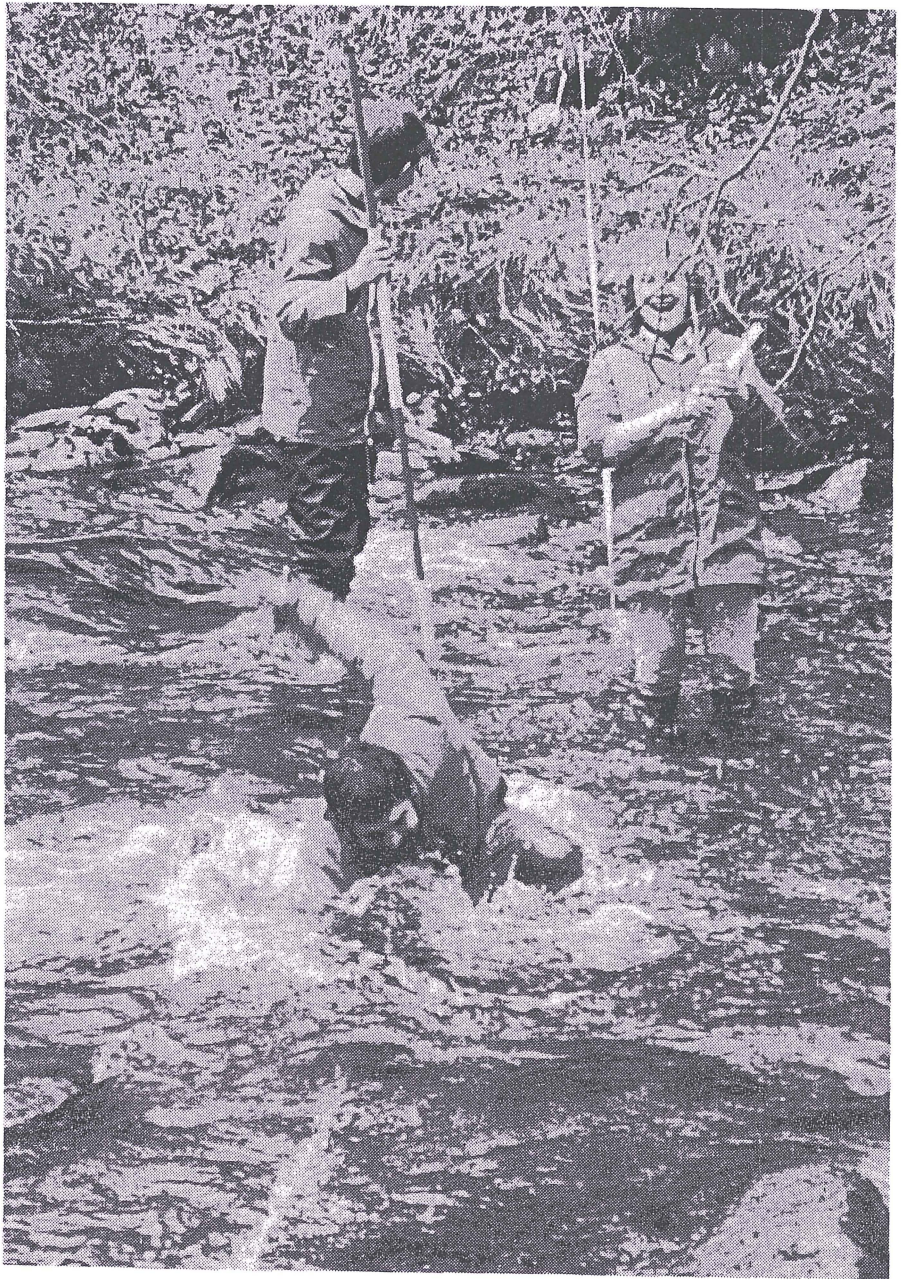
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The Canoe Club Selects Its Gear Before The Pembrokeshire Trip



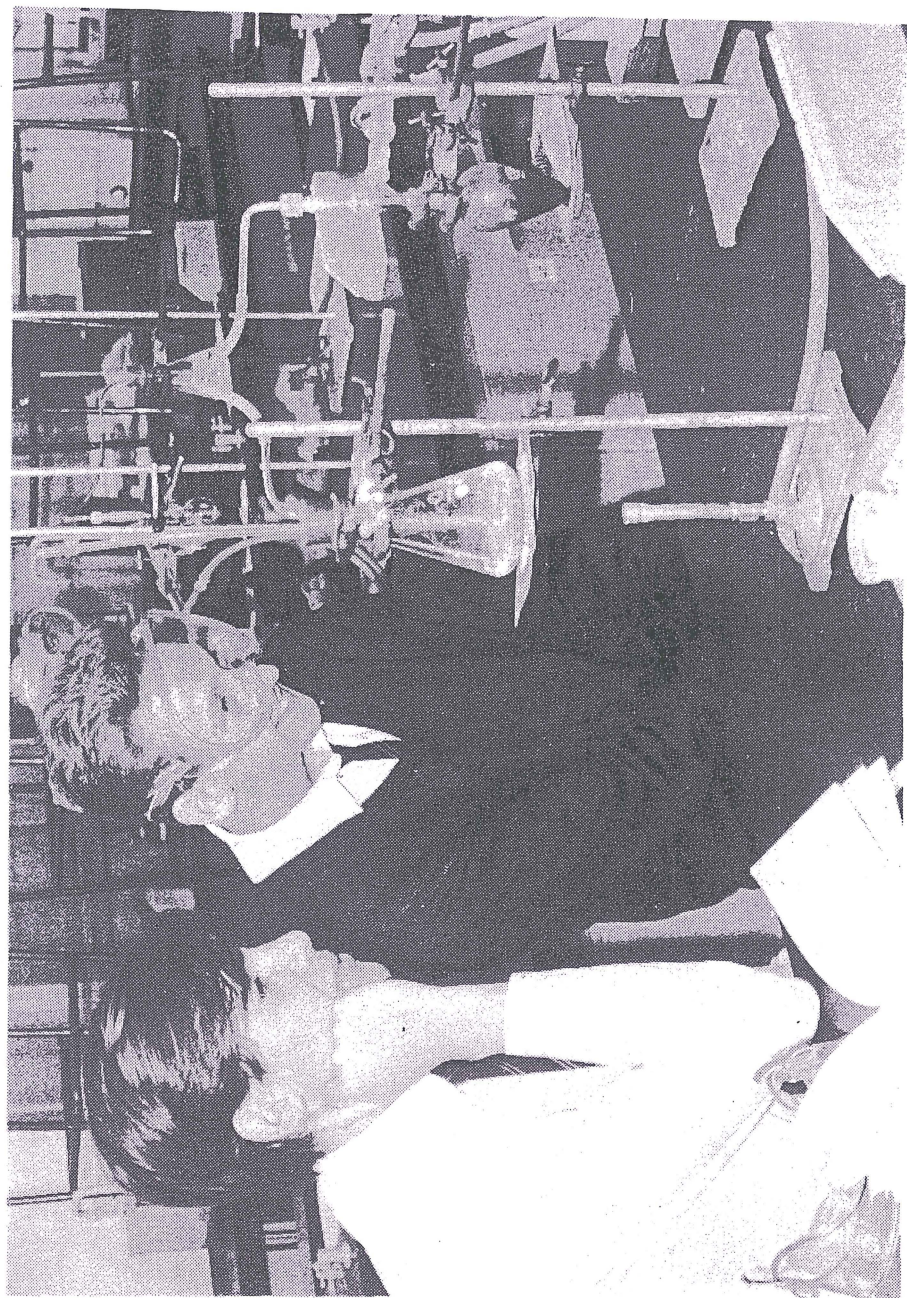
The Kenilworth Match – Mid Field Conference



Geography Field Week – AWS Inspects the
River Dysinni Very Closely



Rag Week — Pop Quiz '86



Members of The Lower Sixth Prepare Essence of Orange Blossoms in the Chemistry Lab.

STAFF NEWS

Once again we have to report the departure of a number of members of the Staff - an event which is always tinged with sadness.

First of all we must mention Miss Morris who is to leave us after 36 years of service to the school. Educated at Crewe Grammar School and the University of Manchester, she taught at Ashbourne Grammar School in Derbyshire (about which she had many amusing stories to tell) before joining us in 1950, to teach French. She played a full part in the school's activities and accompanied a number of visits to foreign parts in connection with the work of the Modern Languages Department. For many years she had charge of the work for the school's main charity, Dr. Barnardo's, and considerable sums have been raised for the organisation under her tutelage. In recent years she branched out somewhat into a new field when she undertook to teach a course in 'Liberal Studies' as it was then; now we call it 'General Studies'. Her course on the History and Architecture of the English Country House was one of the most popular in the programme, and deservedly so - she brought to it all the enthusiasm and knowledge of a real aficionado for the subject. The students particularly enjoyed the many visits to country houses which Miss Morris organised and we were all surprised by the rather unlikely characters in whom she managed to inspire a liking for the subject. As if this were not enough she also acted as editor of Old Scholars' News for 'The Record' after 1980 and in this time has extracted a prodigious amount of intelligence about our Old Scholars and their deeds. Many readers will know that Miss Morris has not enjoyed good health in recent years and though we will all be sorry to lose her, she takes into retirement all our sincere good wishes for her future health and happiness.

At the end of the Autumn Term in 1985 we lost Mr. Sparkes, who came to us in 1983. As well as running the Art Department in a most efficient and inspiring manner, he took parties of pupils for cross-country running, took trips and visits to numerous exhibitions, and organised the very successful school calendars which went on sale in 1984 and 1985. We wish him well in his new post at Eastbourne Sixth Form College and every happiness with his family in Sussex.

Mrs. Meadowcroft also left us after an all-too-brief stay; she came to us in September 1984 and departed in July 1986. Her enthusiasm for teaching German has caused a dramatic rise in the number of pupils opting for the subject, and the exchange visit which she organised to Wuppertal was deservedly popular. She leaves us only because her husband has secured promotion in another part of the country, and she has to follow. We are sorry to lose her and wish her well in the future.

Now for the newcomers. Mr. M. Taylor joins us to take charge of Art. After school in Barrow-In-Furness he took a degree in Fine Arts at Lanchester Polytechnic in Coventry and took his Post Graduate Certificate in Education at the University of Birmingham. Before joining us he taught for 4 years at The Netherhall School in Cambridge.

Mr. C. Kopp is to take over as Head of German. He was at school at Hymer's College in Hull and went on to read German at Birmingham University, staying on to take his PGCE there as well. After this he taught at comprehensive schools in Sandwell and Norwich, and recently at Ernesford Grange Community College in Coventry before he came on to us.

Mrs. C. Gibney joins us as second in the French Department. She was born in France and educated both there and in the USA. She attended both the University of Nancy and the University of Birmingham and also holds the Diploma of the Institute of Linguists. Before coming to us she taught at Portsmouth Polytechnic, the Berlitz School of Languages, Alderbrook School, and most recently at Atherstone School in Warwickshire.

Mrs. K. Banks joins us as a part-time teacher of both English and French. A graduate of the University of Manchester, she took PGCE at the University of Bath. Before joining us she taught in St. Lawrence School, Bradford-on-Avon.

We must say both welcome and farewell to Mrs. R. Kirke, who came to help us out in the interregnum between the departure of Mr. Sparkes and the arrival of Mr. Taylor. Amongst her previous experience was a period as Lecturer in Fine Art at St. Mary's College in Cheltenham, and she has lectured at many summer schools for adult students. Just before her period with us she was working with her husband as Art Consultant for a publishing company in Stratford.

Mrs. J. Pattenden comes as a part-time teacher in the Mathematics Department. A Graduate of the University of Bristol, she taught in Hertfordshire and at Alleyn's School at Stone in Staffordshire before joining us.

There have also been changes in the ancillary staff. Mrs. M. Jones, who had been the laboratory technician for the Chemistry and Biology departments since 1974, left us in November 1985. We extend our good wishes for their retirements to her and her husband. At the same time we welcome Mrs. L. Clements in Mrs. Jones's place. Mrs. Perrett, our School Meals Supervisor left at the end of 1985 and we welcome in her place Mrs. Zoe Mahoney, who was previously at Bidford and Studley High Schools. We are also pleased to have the assistance of Mrs. I. Perkins as part-time assistant to Mrs. Parkinson, our Secretary.

C.J.J.

CONGRATULATIONS

On 10 June 1986, Martin Ashfield, bowling for the school's Under 14 Cricket Team against Stratford High School, took five wickets with five successive balls, hitting the stumps on each occasion! He was presented with the match ball in recognition of this remarkable feat.

Sheila Lewis, Joanna Pinfold and Rowena Wade, members of Studley Ranger Guides, entered as a team for the National Fire Prevention Youth Quiz and on 4 June were the victors in the Warwick County Final. They beat six other teams to win the Godiva Trophy and a prize of £20 and are to go forward to the Midland District Final.

Georgina Haywood won a ride in Concorde as a prize for her entry in a poster competition organised by the Coventry Chamber of Commerce on the subject 'Industry - its importance to the Country'. She flew from Heathrow over the Royal Show at Stoneleigh on July 1st.

Duke of Edinburgh's Awards were gained during the year by Catherine Shanahan, Rachel Sawtell and Adam Mansell, who all got bronze awards; Thea Hughes was awarded a gold.

Advanced Certificates in First Aid were awarded to Derek Close, Michael Juned, Adrian Escott, Helen Capes, Emma Maloney, Rebecca Turner, Carole Newell, Angela Read and Emma Metcalf, all in the Lower 6th. They deserve our congratulations, as does their tutor Mrs. Khan who achieves remarkable success with her students.

Jackie Scally came 3rd in the World Irish Dancing Championships held in Limerick, Eire in 1986. She was competing in the Under 16 section for figure dancing.

Karen Harman gained entrance to Brasenose College, to read Medicine, as a result of her success in the Oxford Colleges' entrance examination.

Louise Jervis broke three records on Sports Day 1986, one of which had stood for nearly 30 years! She also came 5th in the High Jump when representing Warwickshire at the All England Schools Athletic Championship.

Martin Sergeant came 5th in the 400 metres at the same meeting as Louise Jervis.

Nicholas Blundell was chosen to play cricket for the Warwickshire Under 14 XI.

Gerard Mayhew flew solo for the first time in 1986.

THE SCHOOL MUSIC COMPETITION 1986

In February 1986 Mr. Turner received a letter from New Zealand, sent by a former scholar who started at the school when the new foundation on Birmingham Road opened in February 1912, 74 years ago.

His name is Paul Downes, and he lived in Studley at the house called 'Red Gates' at the corner of Alcester Road and Watts Road. Although only at the school for a year and a half, he was able to remember the names of many of the pupils shown on the first group photograph of the school, taken in 1913. He has many of the early copies of 'The Record' and obviously remembers the school with great affection.

When his family moved to New Zealand in September 1913, he left Alcester Grammar School, and worked on his father's farm until 1924. He then started at night school, travelling '15 miles by bicycle on rough gravel roads three nights each week' until he obtained matriculation (roughly equivalent to 'O' level). After this he joined the New Zealand Electric Power Board and worked for it until he retired as Distribution Superintendent in 1963. In his early days he studied with the International Correspondence Schools and after five years of part-time study obtained his diploma in Electrical Engineering.

Paul Downes visited England for six months in 1958 and came back to see the school, only to find it closed for the summer holiday! His letter to the Headmaster (of which this is only a brief abstract) was typed by himself very competently although 'I had never touched a typewriter until two months ago'. Not bad for an 86 year old!

(We are always glad to have news of all our former scholars, but especially pleased to have details from the early days. If any readers know of early scholars and could encourage them to send us some memories of their days at the school, we would be very glad to publish them in 'The Record').

OLD SCHOLAR'S NEWS

Brandon Ransley (1976-83) has been awarded the degree of L1B, class 2(i) at the University of Cardiff, and is to go to Law School at Guilford and ultimately to a job in Northampton.

Sarah Miller (1976-83) has been awarded the degree of BSc. class (2(i) at the University of Sheffield.

Andrew Nicholson (1981-83) has been awarded the degree of BSc. class 1, in Sports Science at Liverpool Polytechnic.

Stephen Wedgebury (1972-79) has been awarded the degree of BSc. class 2(ii) in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Sheffield, and Hugh Rowley has obtained the same class of the same degree in the same subject at the same University at the same time. Hugh was also with us from 1972-79.

Caroline Ross (1975-82) has graduated from the University of St. Andrews with the degree of BSc. class 1 in Mathematics and Statistics. She was awarded the Duncan Prize for Statistics and obtained the highest mark of her year for her dissertation on her mathematical research at the Institute of Hydrology. She is now employed by Istel Ltd as a Systems Analyst.

Heather Ferris (1975-81) has gained her SRN at Birmingham Hospital and has a post at the new Redditch Hospital.

Christine Carter (née Beech, 1971-78) is now a health visitor in Swindon and has set up house at Wootton Bassett in Wiltshire.

Frances Coe (née Beech, 1974-76) is a landscape artist with Manchester Corporation and lives in Stockport.

Anne Hunt (1974-78) has been awarded her post-graduate Diploma in Architecture with Distinction.

Stephen Dyer (1972-79) has passed his final examination for Membership of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants. He is working for Babcock Power Ltd in London, as Assistant Management Accountant to the Commercial and Projects Directors.

Alison Holmes (1980-82) has passed Registered General Nursing examinations at the Middlesex Hospital where she is now a Staff Nurse.

Marie Fallon (1970-77), after gaining her SRN at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, did Midwifery at Warneford Hospital in Leamington from 1981 to 83 and from 1983 to 86 was Staff Midwife at Rugby.

In February 1986 Marie went to Africa as a volunteer nurse and midwife at the Monze Mission Hospital, Zambia, where she will stay for the next 2½ years.

Alison Fell (nee Phillips 1972-77) has been awarded the degree of MSc. in Manufacturing Systems Engineering at the University of Warwick.

She and her husband are now working in Japan and will be there for two years (1986 & 87).

George Steele (1924-33) now lives near Henley-in-Arden. In 1984 he was awarded the degree of BPhil by the Open University.

Lucinda Clarke (1977-84), having completed the bilingual secretarial course at Rugby College, is working in Birmingham for the French Trade Commission.

BIRTHS

1985 : To Mr. and Mrs. R. Rooke (nee Dawn Drinkwater, 1976-81) a daughter Kirsty Elizabeth.

MARRIAGES

- 1984 : Peter Coe to Frances Beech (1974-76)
Stephen McCarthy (1972-79) to Sally Whale
1985 : Nicholas Fell to Alison Phillips (1972-77)
Nigel Carter to Christine Beech (1971-78)
Andrew Hughes (1970-76) to Anne Holloway
1986 : Paul Hedges (1980-82) to Wendy Beck
Rupert Collins (1975-77) to Katriona Kelsall.

K.G.M.

GAMES

Fixtures between schools have been fewer this year for two reasons: firstly the weather was dreadful in the spring term for almost eight weeks, and secondly many schools did not play any fixtures at all, as a result of the troubles in the world of education, for most of the year.

RUGBY

The First XV played 9 won 7; Liam Hurley was the Captain. Matthew Farmer, Paul Brice, Andrew Thomson and Steven Sidaway represented South Warwickshire in the Under 19 side. Colours were awarded to Ross Nicholls and Howard Lewis-Jones.

Notable results included victories over Kenilworth, and a 44-0 victory over Banbury (a huge comprehensive school!)

The Under 15 team, captained by Neil Morland played 4 matches and won 1. An Under 15 team also reached the final of the South Warwickshire 7-a-side. Andrew Yates and Neil Morland were selected to play for South Warwickshire.

The Under 14 team (Captains: Martin Sergeant and Stuart Godsall) won 6 of its 10 matches, including notable victories over Kenilworth and KES, and reached the final of the South Warwickshire Cup, being defeated by Warwick School. The team was victorious in the final of the South Warwickshire 7-a-side tournament.

SOCCER

The fixture list was decimated by the factors mentioned above. The First XI (Captain: Andrew Butler) played 2 matches and drew 1. No area matches were played, therefore no South Warwickshire representation. However, internal soccer thrived as Andrew Butler (ably assisted by numerous referees from the sixth form) organised an immensely popular 5-a-side Tournament. In this lunch-time contest the winners in the Senior Boys section were 'Estudiantes', in the Senior Girls section 'The Buzzies'.

Soccer colours were awarded to Andrew Butler and Andrew Jones.

CROSS COUNTRY

In the South Warwickshire Cross Country league our Minor Boys, Minor Girls, Junior Boys, Junior and Inter Girls and Inter Boys 'A' teams all came first, and the individual placings were as follows:

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|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Minor Boys: | Ian Clark, 1st; Nick Higginson, 2nd; Robin Green, 4th |
| Junior Boys: | Michael Poole, 5th |
| Inter Boys: | Simon Holland, 2nd |
| Minor Girls: | Sue Roberts, 4th |
| Junior/Inter Girls: | Beccy Holt, 1st; Debbie Clark, 1st (tie) |

In the County Cross Country Championships, our Junior Boys came 6th (Stuart Godsall 21st), our Junior Girls 5th (Debbie Clark 2nd and Beccy Holt 3rd), the Inter Boys came 13th and the Senior Boys 2nd.

Debbie Clark, Beccy Holt and Andrew Thomson were all selected for Warwickshire.

RACE WALKING

In the County Championships the Junior Girls came 4th (Beccy Holt 10th), the Inter Girls 2nd (Philippa Wood 3rd), the Senior Girls 1st (Vicky McCarthy 3rd) and the Junior Boys 3rd (Kevin Southall 7th). Philippa Wood and Louise Jervis were selected for the Warwickshire race walking teams. Both were also awarded colours.

HOCKEY

| | P | W | D | L |
|--------|---|---|---|---|
| 1st XI | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| U16 XI | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| U15 XI | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| U14 XI | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| U13 XI | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

Hockey colours were awarded to: Sonia Galbraith (Captain, 1st XI) Jayne Hill, Louise Jervis, Debbie Cale, Hayley Monks, Gina Ravenhall, Rachel Holden.

NETBALL

Netball Club was introduced for 1st and 2nd year students during the winter. Two matches were played (and both lost) but the matches were a valuable experience for our players and we hope for better results next season.

ROUNDERS

| | P | W | D | L |
|--------|---|---|---|---|
| U16 IX | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| U15 IX | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| U14 IX | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| U13 IX | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| U12 IX | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

TENNIS

| | | | | |
|----------------|----|---|---|---|
| 1st VI | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| U15 VI (Girls) | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 |
| U15 VI (Boys) | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| U14 VI | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| U13 VI (Girls) | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| U13 VI (Boys) | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

The girls Under 13 and Under 15 teams finished second in the South Warwickshire League.

Zoe Ford once again represented the West Midlands in her age group and was selected to take part in the National Championships in Edinburgh.

The results of the internal championships were as follows:

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|-----------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st year Girls | : | Georgina Heywood beat Trudi Gould |
| 2nd year Girls | : | Claire Lindsay beat Jayne Lidsey |
| 3rd year Girls | : | Debbie Clark beat Nicola Pearsall |
| 6th form Girls | : | Nicola Spearing beat Vicky McCarthy |
| Open Champion | : | Nicola Spearing |
| Organisers | : | Christina O'Dell, Gwen Thomas, Claire Lindsay, Sally Bohemia, Louise Hollands, Nicola Pearsall |
| 1st year Boys | : | Ian Clark beat Jonathan Cooper |
| Doubles | : | Jonathan Cooper and Craig Millard beat Christopher Allen and Alan Lowe |
| 2nd year Boys | : | William Hunter beat Michael Ingram |
| 3rd year Boys | : | Martin Sergeant beat Paul Winsper |
| Sixth form Boys | : | Howard Lewis-Jones beat Andrew Heywood |
| Open Tournament | : | Howard Lewis-Jones beat Andrew Heywood |
| Organisers | : | James Stuart, Andrew Easthope, Craig Millard and Simon Vincent (1st year); Andrew Grantham, Steven Barry, Darren Rees and Andre King (2nd year); Martin Sergeant and Antony White (3rd year); Matthew Farmer (6th form). |

FENCING

Two matches were played against St. Augustine's High School. We won one of them. Robert Sergeant and Fay Baldry were both selected for the West Midlands 'Excellence' squad. Fay Baldry entered the National Foil Championships. Both Fay and Robert were awarded fencing colours.

BADMINTON

Lisa Larnar was selected for Warwickshire and has been awarded junior colours.

GYMNASTICS

Jayne Lidsey represented the West Midlands in the National Championships.

CRICKET

| | P | W | D | L | |
|--------|---|---|---|---|---------------------------|
| U15 XI | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | Captain - John Ratcliffe |
| U14 XI | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | Captain - Martin Ashfield |
| U13 XI | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Captain - Nick Blundell |

Nick Blundell was selected for Warwickshire, and has been awarded junior colours for cricket.

SWIMMING

Senior colours were awarded to Michael Poole. In the Junior Swimming Gala, Wells won the Turner Cup for Swimming.

ATHLETICS

In the South Warwickshire inter-schools athletics contest, our teams achieved the following placings:

1st year Boys - 3rd; 1st year Girls - 3rd; 2nd year Boys - 3rd;
2nd year Girls - equal 3rd; 3rd year Boys - 1st; 3rd year Girls -
equal 1st; 4th year Boys - equal 2nd; 4th year Girls - 2nd.

Overall AGS came second with 256 points; the winners, Stratford High School were only 11 points ahead.

In the County Athletics Championships, Beccy Holt, Aneela Juned, Debbie Clark, Martin Sergeant, Stuart Godsall, Michael Poole, Simon Hollands and Ian Seby all represented South Warwickshire. A number of our students also represented the county at national events this year - Stuart Godsall and Martin Sergeant at the National Decathlon Championships (Stuart came 6th and Martin 13th), and Martin Sergeant and Louise Jervis at the All England Schools Athletics Championships (Martin 5th in the 400m and Louise 5th in the High Jump). Junior colours were awarded to Stuart Godsall and Martin Sergeant, and senior colours to Louise Jervis.

THE HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Spencer were the victors yet again (can anyone remember when this house did not win the House Championship?) with a score of 188 points, followed by Newport (173) and Wells (153).

SPORTS DAY 1986

Sports Day this year was held on 9th July. There were more events than ever before and the weather kept fine for us as usual.

A summary of the results is given below; an asterisk shows the establishment of a new record.

JUNIOR GIRLS (1st and 2nd forms)

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1st year 100m | K. Pearson (N); A. Jarmy (W); C. Ashworth (S) |
| 2nd year 100m | J. Lidsey (N); L. Macdonald (S); L. Cooke (W) |
| 200m | A. Jarmy (W); L. Macdonald (S); G. Cogswell (N) |
| 800m | Z. Speakman (N); S. Lawley (S); S. Roberts (W) |
| Relay 4 x 100m | Newport (A); Spencer (A) tied with Wells (B) |
| Long Jump | J. Lidsey (N); C. Pearson (N); L. Macdonald (S) |
| High Jump | A. Jarmy (W); S. Lawley (S); E. Pinches (W) |
| Javelin | K. Graham (S); E. Talbot (N); R. Lewis (W) |
| Discus | T. Gould (S); R. Lewis (W); K. Graham (S) |

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS (3rd and 4th forms)

| | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 3rd year 100m | S. Gould (S); J. Wright (N); L. Baylis (N) |
| 4th year 100m | H. Mumford (W)*; R. Wade (W); H. Tyrer (N) |
| 200m | J. Mumford (N); R. Holt (S); A. Bradley (S) |
| 800m | R. Holt (S)*; K. Speakman (N); C. Pain (N) |
| 1500m (Junior-Inter) | D. Clark (W)*; A. Bradley (S); S. Lawley (S) |
| Relay 4 x 100m | Newport (A), Newport (B), Spencer (A) |
| Long Jump | S. Gould (S); A. Juned (W); H. Mumford (N) |
| High Jump | A. Gordon (S); C. Pain (N); R. Holt (S) |
| Javelin | C. Pain (N); L. Larner (S); L. Baylis (N) |
| Discus | L. Baylis (N); L. Larner (S); S. Coward (S) |

SENIOR GIRLS

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 100m | L. Clarke (N); V. McCarthy (S); E. Ryley (W) |
| 200m | L. Jervis (N)*; L. Barney (W); K. Lorenz (W) |
| 800m | B. Surman (S); M. Lawley (W); P. Turnbull (W) |
| Relay 4 x 100m | Wells, Newport, Spencer |
| Long Jump | L. Jervis (N)*; A. Leavesley (W); S. Clayton (W) |
| High Jump | L. Jervis (N)*; S. Clayton (W); I. Ditchburn (N) |
| Javelin | J. Hill (N); A. Read (S); D. Cale (S) |
| Discus | D. Hoare (W); A. Read (S); D. Cale (S) |

JUNIOR BOYS (1st and 2nd forms)

| | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1st year 100m | A. Lowe (W); H. Davies (N); G. Wye (N) |
| 2nd year 100m | K. Dyke (N); P. Chambers (S); P. Kieley (N) |
| 200m | K. Dyke (N); P. Chambers (S); M. Edwards (N) |
| 400m | W. Hunter (W); M. Edwards (N); R. Morley (N) |
| 800m | W. Hunter (W); I. Clark (W); W. Drummond-Murray (N) |
| Relay 4 x 100m | Wells (A), Newport (A), Wells (B) |
| Long Jump | W. Hunter (W); P. Kiely (N); J. Cooper (S) |
| High Jump | J. Ladbury (W); N. Davis (W); M. Howes (S) |
| Javelin | M. Boxall (S); A. Grantham (W); M. Edwards (N) |
| Discus | K. Dyke (N); M. Wakelam (W); A. Grantham (W) |
| Shot | M. Boxall (S); J. Freeman (W); J. Murphy (W) |

INTERMEDIATE BOYS (3rd and 4th forms)

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3rd year 100m | S. Godsall (W)*; R. Russell (S); M. Startin (S), R. Anderson (N) tied |
| 4th year 100m | A. Austin (N); D. Wakelam (W); N. Morland (N) |
| 200m | M. Sergeant (W); R. Russell (S); D. Wakelam (W) |
| 400m | M. Sergeant (W); J. Ratcliffe (W); M. Startin (S) |
| 800m | S. Hollands (W); M. Poole (N); N. Morland (N) |
| 1500m | J. Ratcliffe (W); M. Reeves (W); J. Bradley (S) |
| Relay 4 x 100m | Wells, Newport, Spencer |
| Long Jump | A. Austin (N); R. Russell (S); M. Sergeant (W) |
| High Jump | S. Godsall (W); C. Shelton (N); R. Turner (S) |
| Javelin | I. Selby (N); S. Godsall (W); K. Southall (N) |
| Discus | R. Perry (N); D. Wakelam (W); J. Ratcliffe (W) |
| Shot | R. Perry (N); M. Ashfield (S); J. Strain (S) |

SENIOR BOYS

| | |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 100m | M. Farmer (S); R. Nicholls (W); S. Taylor (N) |
| 200m | R. Nicholls (W); H. Lewis-Jones (N); A. Butler (S) |
| 400m | H. Lewis-Jones (N); A. Dionisi (W); P. Bradley (S) |
| 800m | A. Barney (S); M. Carter (W); D. Gauntlett (N) |
| 1500m | A. Barney (S); M. Lewis (S); R. Lewis (W) |
| Relay 4 x 100m | Spencer, Newport, Wells |
| Long Jump | N. Styles (W); S. Taylor (N); P. Walker (N) |
| High Jump | S. Brookes (S); P. Brice (N); M. Carter (W) |
| Javelin | R. Nicholls (W); H. Lewis-Jones (N); C. Yates (S) |
| Discus | M. Farmer (S); D. Foster (N); P. Humphrey (N) |
| Shot | M. Farmer (S); D. Foster (N); A. Marshall (S) |

WALK

Girls' 1200m - H. Tyrer (N)
Boys' 1200m - K. Southall (N)

RELAY 6 x 200m

Girls : Spencer, Wells, Newport
Boys : Wells, Newport, Spencer

VICTRIX LUDORUM CUP

Junior : Samantha Lawley
Inter/Senior : Louise Jervis

VICTOR LUDORUM CUP

Junior : Stuart Godsall
Senior : Matthew Farmer

BOYS' SPORTS CUP : Wells
GIRLS' SPORTS CUP : Newport
SPORTS SHIELD : Wells

TUG OF WAR

This event no longer forms part of Sports Day, but the results are presented here for completeness:

Junior : Spencer, Newport, Wells
Inter : A three way tie
Senior : Newport, Spencer, Wells

SENIOR PREFECTS 1986-87

Head Boy : Matthew Farmer Head Girl : Vicky McCarthy
Deputies : Gerard Mayhew and Kate Smith

EXAMINATION RESULTS

CODE:

e-English language, el-English literature, f-French, g-German, h-history, ec-economics, gy-geography, m-mathematics, fm-further mathematics, am-additional mathematics, p-physics, c-chemistry, b-biology, cdt-craft, design and technology, he-home economics, a-art, mu-music, cs-computer studies l-Latin, t-technology, lw-law, gl-geology, fn-food and nutrition, ta-theatre arts, gs-general studies.

* denotes that the highest grade was awarded. Distinction and merit at S level are denoted by 1 and 2 respectively.

AUTUMN 1985 - Ordinary Level

| | | | |
|-----------------|------|-------------------|---------|
| Timothy Golder | : am | Caroline Cuffe | : el,gy |
| Emma Maloney | : am | Alec Finnemore | : p |
| Julie Young | : e | Emma Ryley | : g |
| Sonia Galbraith | : e | Christopher Yates | : f |
| Marcus Carter | : ec | Robin Holland | : ec |
| Vicky McCarthy | : g | Megan Atherton | : h |
| Dominic Hurley | : f | Alison Grubb | : e,fn |
| Nerys Brougham | : gy | Sara Beaumont | : fn |

SUMMER 1986

Advanced Level - Upper Sixth

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Andrew Barney | : m | Marcus Carter | : ec,gs |
| Liam Hurley | : p,b,gs | Ross Nicholls | : c,p,fm |
| Ian Rawlings | : c,b,gs | Steven Young | : c,p,m |
| Karen Broad | : gy | Lisa Buffery | : el,h,gs |
| Karen Harman | : c*1,p*2,fm | Teresa Jackson | : c,m |
| Jane Moulson | : c,b,gs | Sara Wood | : c*,p,b2,m |
| Anthony Bonsen | : ec,gy,gs | Stephen Hall | : ec*,m,gs |
| Andrew Jones | : el,ec | Philip Teasdale | : ec,gy,gs |
| Andrew Thomson | : p,gy,fm | Andrew Watson | : p,m,gy,gs |
| Wendy Blatchford | : gs | Sarah Cox | : c,gy,m |
| Cheryl Harper | : c,p,m | Sarah Richardson | : c,p,m |
| Helen Wright | : f,c,b | Keith Baldry | : c,p*,fm |
| Andrew Butler | : h,ec,gs | Paul Holl | : c,p,fm |
| Mark Jewitt | : f,ec,gy,gs | Howard Lewis-Jones | : h,ec,gs |
| Robin Woodger | : c,p,m | Gillian Bubb | : c,p |
| Thea Hughes | : el,f*,ec* | Lyn Ratcliffe | : c,p,m |
| Louise Ross | : el,ec,gs | Sally Smith | : f,gs |
| Michael Bennett | : gy | Graham Farmer | : ec |
| Timothy Golder | : ec,p,gs | Robert Redman | : p,gy,m,gs |
| Stephen Sidaway | : p | Karl Vondrak | : b,a |
| Stephen Young | : ec*,gy,m,gs | Sarah Cotton | : ec*,b*,m |
| Sonia Galbraith | : ec*,gy,gs | Tracey McCalman | : gy |
| Sarah Payne | : p,a,m*,gs | Karon Woodward | : el,f,gs |
| David Griffiths | : f,p,m | Robin Holland | : ec,gy |
| Gary Phillips | : ec,gy,gs | Andrew Williams | : p,m |
| Samantha Davies | : el,p,gs | Ingrid Elliott | : c,b*,m |
| Rachael Haines | : f,h,ec | Kathryn Howell | : el,f*,h |
| Katherine Newey | : c,b,m | Katie Pritchard | : ec,m,gs |

Advanced Level - Mathematics in the Lower Sixth

Fay Baldry*, Adrian Escott*, Mark Hancox, Michael Juned*, Robert Sergeant*1

Ordinary Level - Fifth Forms

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Jonathan Dale | : e, gy, f, cs, c*, p*, b, am |
| Paul Davies | : e, gy*, f, cs, c, p, am*, cdt* |
| Steven Day | : e, a |
| Steve Doyle | : e, gy, f, m*, cs*, p*, b*, cdt* |
| Duncan Edwards | : e, m, p |
| Damon Foster | : e, gy, m, cs, p, a, cdt |
| Luke Harman | : e*, gy, m, cs, p, a, cdt |
| Toby Lenehan | : e, el, gy, f, m, c, b, a |
| Stephen Mitchell | : e*, gy, f, m*, cs, p*, a, cdt |
| Roger Payne | : e, gy, f, m*, cs*, c, p, b |
| Matthew Pinfield | : e, h*, gy, f, m, cs*, c, p |
| Robert Russell | : e*, el*, h*, gy, m*, p, b |
| Mark Wedgbury | : e, gy, cs*, c, p*, am, cdt |
| David Wells | : e, gy, f, cs*, c, p*, b, am* |
| Ian Whitehead | : e, h*, gy, f, g, c, p, am |
| Caroline Beacon | : e, el, h, gy, f, g, m |
| Paula Dorrington | : e, el*, gy, f, m, c, b, a |
| Fiona Gilroy | : e, el*, gy, f*, m*, c, p, b |
| Tracy Hack | : e, hb |
| Rachel Holden | : e, gy, c, p, b, a |
| Yazmin Khan | : e, el, gy, f*, c, p, b*, am |
| Susan Lindsay | : e, el, gy, f*, g, m, hb*, fn* |
| Andrea Mayneord | : e, el*, gy, f*, m, c, b, fn* |
| Josephine McCauley | : e, m, c, p, b, |
| Ann Miller | : e, m, a |
| Hayley Monks | : e, gy, f*, g, c, am, cdt |
| Wendy Quinney | : e, el, gy, f, m, p, cdt |
| Georgina Ravenhall | : e, el, hb |
| Kirsteen Richardson | : e, gy, f, c, p, b, cdt |
| Xanthe Ryle | : e, gy, f*, cs, c, p, am, cdt |
| Rachel Savage | : e, el, f, m, hb, fn |
| Catherine Shanahan | : e, h*, gy, f, m, c, p, b |
| Philippa Wood | : e, el, gy, f*, g, m, p, fn |
| Christopher Brazier | : e, h*, gy, m, cs, c, p |
| Nicholas Cole | : e, gy, f*, g*, c, p*, b, am* |
| Christopher Holt | : e, el, gy*, c*, p*, b, am |
| Adam Mansell | : e, el*, h*, f, m, c, b, mu |
| Paul Maries | : e, gy, m, a, cdt* |
| Richard Masterson | : e, el*, h*, m*, cs*, b*, a |
| Jason Parker | : e, gy, m, p, hb*, fn, a |
| Kerith Rees | : e*, gy*, f, cs*, c*, p*, b*, am |
| Ian Revell | : e, gy, m*, cs, c, p, cdt |
| Mark Seed | : e*, el*, h*, gy, f*, m, c, b |
| Stuart Teasdale | : e, h*, gy, f, m, cs, p |
| Christopher Ullman | : e, h*, gy, f, m, cs, c, p |
| David Watson | : e, h*, gy, f, m*, cs*, p, a |
| Steven Wilkes | : e, gy, f, m, cs, p, a, cdt |
| Rebecca Bubb | : e, h*, f*, c, p, b |

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| Sarah Hamblin | : e*,el*,f,cs*,c*,p*,b*,am* |
| Sarah Harman | : e,el*,f,m*,cs,c*,p*,b* |
| Diane Hims | : e*,el*,f*,c,b,a,am*,p |
| Joanne Humphries | : e,h*,f,m,hb |
| Kate McClellan | : e,h*,f,cs,c,p,b,am |
| Angela McKenzie | : e,h*,gy,f,m,c,p,b |
| Louise Rimell | : e,h*,gy,f,m,hb,a |
| Rachael Sawtell | : e,el*,f,c*,p*,b*,fn,am |
| Julie Shelton | : e |
| Wendy Smith | : e,h,hb,a |
| Gabrielle Starkey | : e,el,f,m,p,a,cdt |
| Helen Wright | : e,el*,f,m,c,p,b,fn |

Ordinary Level - Upper Sixth

Teresa Jackson - a; Wendy Blatchford - a; Sarah Richardson - a;
Karon Woodward - 1,ta; Katherine Newey - ta; Jane Moulson - am

Ordinary Level - Lower Sixth

Timothy Andrews - ec*; Paul Bradley - a; Steven Brookes - gl;
Nicholas Bunting - ec; Adriano Dionisi - ec*; Adrian Duffin - a;
Matthew Farmer - ec,lw; Christopher Holmes - ec,hb,lw; Paul Howl - ec;
Dominic Hurley - ec; Bruce Kirby - gl; Peter Laband - a;
Martin Lewis - gl; Justin Longstaff - ec*; Gerard Mayhew - ec,hb;
Nicholas Mole - ec; Neil Rutter - gl; Damon Shinnie - ec*, cs*;
Neil Styles - ec*; Simon Taylor - a*; Paul Walker - gl; Neil Walters -
gl,t; Louise Barney - lw; Nerys Brougham ; b; Shirley Clayton - ec*,c,ta;
Caroline Cuffe - hb; Isabel Ditchburn - ec*; Jayne Hill - ec*;
Denise Hoare - ec,m; Alison Leavesley ; ec,m; Kay Lewis - ec,a;
Kirsty Lorenz - ec*; Vicky McCarthy - ec; Emma Metcalf - ec*;
Sarah Myring - ec; Carol Newell - ec,cs; Clare Osborne - lw;
Emma Ryley - ec*; Nicola Spearing - e,gy,hb; Lisa Starkey ; ec,lw;
Blanche Surman - ec,gl,lw; Rebecca Turner - ec; Julie Young - hb;
Jane Frost - c; Andrew Hedges - t; Thomas Rugg - c;
Penelope Turnbull - ta; Caroline Cuffe - hb

Ordinary Level - Mathematics in the Fourth Form

Alexander Austin*, Jonathan Elliott*, Michael Hopkins*,
Alasdair Kenneth*, John Ratcliffe*, Ian Selby*, Francis Sreeves*,
Matthew Sreeves, Jason Strain*, Robert Turner*, David Wakelam*,
Lisa Bayliss, Elizabeth Cox*, Philippa Holloway*, Sheila Lewis*,
Joanna Pinfold*, Jane Pritchard*, Sharon Tattersall*, Kathryn Waters*,
Elisabeth Wood*

Certificate of Secondary Education - numbers denote the grades awarded.

Steven Day - f4,p3,m2; Duncan Edwards - c2; Damon Foster - f3;
Luke Harman - f2; Tracy Hack - c3,m2; Anne Miller - c2,h2,p3;
Georgina Ravenhall - fl,c4,m2; Rachel Savage - c2; Paul Maries - f2,c2,p2;
Stuart Teasdale - c2; Sarah Harper - e2,m2,c3,p3; Julie Shelton - f4,c4,m2;
Wendy Smith - f2,c3,m2; Thomas Rugg - m2; Tabitha Davison - c2;
Steven Brookes - te4; Neil Rutter - te2; Christopher Holmes - m6,p3;
Gerard Mayhew - m3; Emma Ryley - m3; Nerys Brougham - p3.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Our new arrangements concerning prizes and awards were described in the last edition of 'The Record'. The prizes this year were awarded as follows:

THE AUDREY WEBLEY PRIZE (for the best contributions to 'The Record')

| | |
|--------|------------------|
| Senior | Nicholas Mole |
| Junior | Katherine Steele |

THE SIMON HANCOX PRIZE (for Craftwork)

| | |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| Senior | Paul Davies |
| Junior | Clare McCarthy, Ian McClean |

THE ERNEST WALKER PRIZE (for project work)

| | |
|--------|---------------|
| Senior | Andrew Watson |
| Junior | Gail Jones |

PRIZES FOR SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL

Philip Teasdale, Liam Hurley,
Andrew Butler
Karen Harman, Thea Hughes

(The prizewinning entries for 'The Record' are printed elsewhere)

SCHOOL REGISTER

FAREWELL

Autumn 1985 - Summer 1986

Melanie Hayden (1M), Emma Perett (1S), James Holder (3M), Thomas Stern (3M), Caroline Stern (4M); Andrew Dyke, Tracey Mitchell, Nerys Brougham, Caroline Cuffe, Susan Pain, Lisa Goode, Lisa Starkey and Nicola Hill - all from L6.

Summer 1986

U6 DCM: Anthony Bonsen, Stephen Hall, Andrew Jones, Philip Teasdale, Andrew Thomson, Andrew Watson, Sarah Cox, Cheryl Harper, Sarah Richardson and Helen Wright.

U6 EAS: David Griffiths, Leslie Hancocks, Robin Holland, Gary Phillips, Andrew Williams, Nicholas Wootton-Jones, Ingrid Elliott, Rachael Haines, Kathryn Howell, Katherine Newey and Katie Pritchard.

U6 KGM: Keith Baldry, Andrew Butler, Paul Holl, Mark Jewitt, Howard Lewis-Jones, Robin Woodger, Gillian Bubb, Thea Hughes, Lyn Ratcliffe, Louise Ross and Sally Smith.

U6 MEA: Stephen Bailey, Andrew Barney, Marcus Carter, Ross Nicholls, Ian Rawlings, Steven Young, Karen Broad, Lisa Buffery, Karen Harman, Teresa Jackson, Jane Moulson and Sara Wood.

U6 RPM: Michael Bennett, Graham Farmer, Timothy Golder, Robert Redman, Stephen Sidaway, Karl Vondrak, Stephen Young, Sarah Cotton, Sonia Galbraith, Tracey McCalman, Sarah Payne and Karon Woodward.

Fifth Form Leavers:

Julie Shelton, Tracey Hack, Stephen Mitchell, Mark Wedgebury, Rachel Holden, Josephine McCauley, Ann Miller, Jason Parker, Ian Revell, Stephen Wilkes, Louise Rimell, Gabrielle Starkey, Adam Mansell and Paul Dorrington.

From 2S Sandra Howgate
From 2M Walter Drummond-Murray

WELCOME

Autumn 1985 - Summer 1986

James Wolfe (to 3S), Julie-Ann Walker (to 3M), Simon Brain (to 3S)
Michael Griffiths (to 4S), Lawrence Brain (to L6).

Autumn 1986

Form 1M

Rojan Chohan, Matthew Dewsbury, Stuart Galloway, Stephen Jasper, Richard Morecombe, Lee Rich, Andrew Smith, Ian Steele, Jamie Turner, Keith Vincent, Jonathan Ward, John Webster, Matthew White, Elizabeth Beech, Georgina Canning, Anna Chalmers, Victoria Harvey, Elissa Hawker, Sarah Ladbury, Juliet Preston-Mafham, Anna Shelton, Amanda Simons, Heidi Snape, Katherine Snoswell, Gillian Turner, Imogen Wade, Emma Waters.

Form 1S

Paul Berry, Gregory Clark, Shaun Coward, Stuart Daniels, Giles Gasper, Christopher Howgate, Christopher Last, Mark Morrison, Richard Pennington, Colin Pickstone, Andrew Seed, Carl Smith, Andrew Stanford, Martin Ward, Ruth Barry, Natalie Board, Deborah Burgess, Emma Carter, Lianne Crofts, Penelope Harris, Rebekah Hartrick, Rebecca Hiscocks, Christine Laidler, Emma Neale, Celia Poxon, Louise Smith, Jessica Sproxton, Nadine Stone, Katie Thompstone.

To 3S : John Heath
Craig Scott
Catherine Walden
3M : Helen Bayliss

Lower Sixth

From St. Benedict's High School:

Renny Badham, James Dickman, David Lee, Clare Field

From Alcester High School:

Robert Horner, Stephen Taylor, Georgina Reid

From Studley High School:

Bruce Watts, Richard Woore, Iain Dale, Anthony Higgins, Mark Ingram, Robert Jones, Piers King, Pirie Gaunt, Debbie Hands, Laura Hawthorne, Lara Sutton.

From Other Schools and Colleges:

Helen Blakely, Helen Miles and Clare Wolfe (from Evesham High School); Suzanne Green (from Henley High School); Amanda Heath (from Silverdale School, Sheffield); Shona Ritchie (from Henley High School); James Beck (from King Edward VI, Stratford); Richard Green (from Sacred Heart School, Droitwich); Katarina Bellamy (from Dame Alice Harpur School); Jennifer Taylor (from Droitwich High School); Adrian Barlow (from Handsworth Grammar School); Lawrence Brain (from St. John's School, Marlborough); Martin Creese (from Meole Brace School, Shrewsbury).

Upper Sixth

Penelope Noakes (Kineton High School); Caroline Taylor (Droitwich High School)

LEAVERS AND THEIR DESTINATIONS

FIFTH FORM LEAVERS

Julie Shelton (Business Studies at SWCFE); Tracey Hack (Business Studies at SWCFE); Stephen Mitchell (Apprenticeship with BA); Mark Wedgebury (Apprentice technician with Hydrovane, Redditch); Rachel Holden (A levels at SWCFE); Josephine McCauley (A levels at Trinity School, Leamington); Ann Miller (O levels at SWCFE), Jason Parker (employment in retailing); Stephen Wilkes (Apprenticeship with BA); Louise Rimell (National Diploma in Business Studies at SWCFE); Gabrielle Starkey (A levels at SWCFE); Adam Mansell (A levels at Oakham College).

SIXTH FORM LEAVERS

To Universities

Keith Baldry (Physics at UMIST); Sarah Cotton (Law at Reading); Sarah Cox (Business Administration at Bath), Ingrid Elliott (Dentistry at Liverpool); Karen Harman (Medicine at Brasenose College, Oxford); Cheryl Harper (Chemical Engineering at Aston); Paul Holl (Aeronautical Engineering at Bristol); Katherine Howell (European Studies at Bath); Thea Hughes (Law at Exeter); Mark Jewitt (Business Administration at Bath); Jane Moulson (Biological Science at Warwick); Ross Nicholls (Actuarial Science at Kent); Sarah Payne (Architecture at Sheffield); Lyne Ratcliffe (Social Policy and Administration at Hull); Ian Rawlings (Applied Plant Science at Newcastle); Andrew Thomson (Electrical and Electronic Engineering at The Imperial College of Science and Technology); Sarah Wood (Biochemistry and Physiology at Reading); Robin Woodger (Building Services Engineering at Bath); Stephen Young (Economics at Salford); Steven Young (Physics/Astrophysics at Birmingham).

To Polytechnics and Colleges of Higher Education For Degree Courses

Karen Broad (BA in Urban and Regional Planning at Lanchester Poly); Gillian Bubb (BSc in Biochemistry and Physiology at Lancaster Poly, Preston); Lisa Buffery (BEd at Newman College of Higher Education); Andrew Butler (BA in History and Sociology at St. Mary's College of Higher Education, Twickenham); Howard Lewis-Jones (BA in Urban Policy and Race Relations at Edgehill College of Higher Education, Ormskirk); Katherine Newey (LLB at Central London Poly); Gary Phillips (BA in Architecture at Liverpool Poly); Robert Redman (BSc in Aeronautical Engineering at Hatfield Poly); Sarah Richardson (BSc in Biological Science at City of London Poly); Andrew Watson (BA in Business Studies at Oxford Poly);

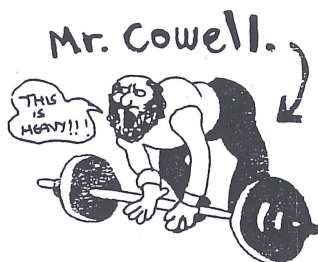
Andrew Williams (BSc in Nautical Studies at Plymouth Poly);
Karon Woodward (BA in Drama and French at Roehampton Institute of
Higher Education).

To Other Courses of Higher Education

David Griffiths (HND in Computer Science at Brighton Poly);
Marcus Carter (HND in Business Studies at Nene College); Helen Wright
(National Diploma in Agriculture at Moreton Morell College);
Leslie Hancocks (HND in Agriculture at Seale Hayne College of Agriculture);
Karl Vondrak (BTEC National Diploma in Vocational Design); Louise Ross
(Occupational Therapy at the Derby School of Occupational Therapy).

To Other Destinations

Stephen Sidaway (Warwickshire Constabulary); Katie Pritchard (employment
with NatWest Bank); Philip Teasdale (Management training with the Sainsbury
organisation in Coventry).



LATE NEWS

We must congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Graham Wells on the birth of their son, Jonathan, on the 18th August. Jonathan weighed in at 3.66kg (8lb 1oz).

Caroline Ross is to work as a systems analyst for Esso Chemicals in Fife, not for the firm in Redditch as reported in the Old Scholars' News.

Andrew Buxton (1978-85) is to read Medicine at University College London from October 1986.

Richard McCarthy (1978-85) is to read Economics at the University of Aberystwyth from October 1986.

Sally Smith (1986 leaver) is to become a trainee Marine Underwriter at Lloyds.

Tracey McCalman (1986 leaver) is to re-take 'A' levels at SWCFE.

Ian Greig (1967-72) is to enter the University of London Institute of Archaeology, to read for an MA in Archaeology (Field and Analytical Techniques), in 1986.

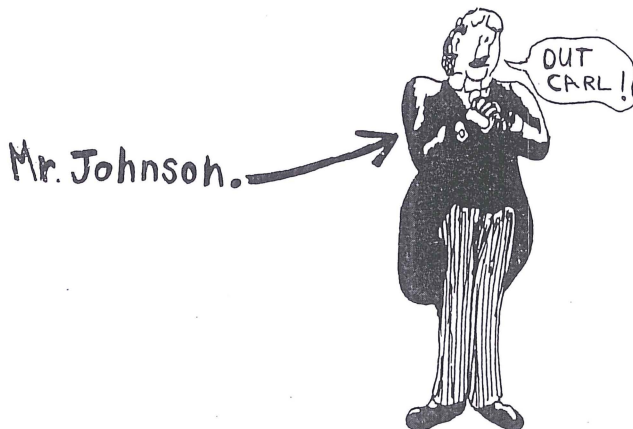
Jennifer Fraser (1972-79) has been promoted area manager for the Midlands in the Laura Ashley organisation. She was married to Maurice Jones in September 1986.

Alex Lavender (1973-78) and Sue Wright (1973-80) have been married. The wedding took place in Miami Beach!

Jonathan Guest (1978-85) is to go to Portsmouth Polytechnic to read for a degree in Economics in 1986.

Colin Sheridan (1975-82) graduated from Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education in 1986 with the degree of BA, class 2(i) in European Business Studies, and is soon to start work with Air Products of Walton-on-Thames as a trainee Financial Controller.

On 18th September 1986 the Under 13 Boys' Tennis Team defeated the team from Woodlands School, Coventry, a gigantic comprehensive. In the next round they are to meet Evefield School, Solihull.



MAGAZINES FOR OLD SCHOLARS

Every year about 300 copies of the magazines are sent out to our Old Scholars and our thanks are due to the many members of the school who take on the task of delivering these magazines, and especially to Mr. Balaam and his team of volunteers who organize the whole thing and spend a great deal of their time in addressing envelopes, collecting money and generally making the whole operation run smoothly.

The names of this year's team are:

Kirsteen Richardson
Denise Hoare
Alison Leavesly
Gerard Mayhew
Diane Hims
Kate Shanahan
Nicholas Cole
Jo Humphries

OLD SCHOLAR'S NEWS

Miss Bywater has very kindly taken on the responsibility of compiling Old Scholars' News for the magazine on the retirement of Miss Morris. Contribution for this section of the magazine should be sent in writing to Miss Bywater at the school. It would be very helpful if Old Scholars would state the period during which they were at the school (e.g. 1969-76) and send in the news as soon as possible. Anything received after the beginning of September in the year of publication is likely to miss our deadline.

LATE LATE NEWS

Vivien Evans (1978-84) is to go to the University of East Anglia to read for a degree in Drama.

